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Road Commissioners removed by unanimous vote

by Cherryl Ruley
Staff Writer

After about 17 1/2 hours in executive session, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners came to a unanimous decision to remove Road Commission for Crawford County Board members Raymond Swiercz and Robert Nelson from their positions.

The County Board listened to testimony from witnesses such as Road

Commission Secretary Pauline Hatfield, Sheriff David Lovely and former Road Commissioner William Gannon. Most importantly, perhaps, the finally got to hear from Swiercz and Nelson themselves. Because of illness, Nelson was present only for his own testimony. The rest of the hearing, Nelson was in contact and monitoring the proceedings via speaker phone.

Each of the eight alleged violations was discussed and argued, according to County Chair Lynnette Corlew. Only one violation was dismissed due to lack of evidence and only one violation was considered invalid by one commissioner. The November 20 violation of the Open Meetings Act was not agreed to by Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman. However, Nelson and Swiercz were removed by a final unanimous vote in open session around 7:15 p.m. on

January 13.

"With great heaviness of heart we voted for removal," Corlew said. "We would have been derelict in our duties had we not removed them."

Vice Chair Beth Wieland said, "We believed there was sufficient evidence for removal. We cannot condone what they did."

"It went on too long," said Harold Golnick. "I'm sorry this had to happen, but we had to correct some-

thing that was wrong."

Commissioner Scott Hanson said, "I'm extremely disappointed that it had to come to removal, but the evidence was overwhelming and we would be neglecting our duties if we failed to take action."

Pinkelman said she had no comment and Commissioner Terry Beardslee said, "It's just sad."

Attorney Frank Eaman, legal counsel for the Road Board, said the

County Board's decision is subject to review in a court of law and the next step he will take is to draft the appropriate legal papers to appeal the decision. "We will attempt to file as soon as possible," Eaman said.

The County Board will now have to review applications to fill the seats left vacant by their decision and decide whether the positions will remain appointed by them.

State Police to take over City Hall

► City Council approves new lease with State Police, city to move out

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

It's official: the City of Grayling's office operations and police department are preparing to move out of City Hall, allowing the State Police to occupy the entire building.

The State Police have leased space in City Hall for over 20 years, beginning on January 1, 1979. Their crime lab services law enforcement entities from all over northern Michigan.

"It's really an important operation for all law enforcement up here," noted City Manager Allen Lowe.

Over the years, the space requirements for the department's forensic lab operations have grown and the State Police leased more and more of the city building as the need for more room increased. Recently, the need for additional space prompted the State Police to request use of the entire City Hall.

Before making the change, the State Police and City Council negotiated a building-wide renovation project to better suit the State Police's needs and comfort, as requested by the State Police.

The \$120,000 renovation project, which includes new boilers, air conditioning, painting, and new carpeting in some areas, among other minor changes, started last Tuesday. Contractor for the project is McClain and Son.

The City Council approved the

GMS next to get bomb threat

by Cherryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A statement made in jest before other students previous to the discovery of the January 6 bomb threat at Grayling High School has been taken seriously by the Crawford AuSable School Board.

Two male students have been placed under administrative suspension while the investigation into who actually wrote the threat on the boys' room wall continues. Apparently, the young men made reference to making a bomb threat to get a day off of school when other districts were closed due to poor weather conditions.

Superintendent Kent Reynolds said no criminal charges have been filed in the case thus far, then reported another bomb threat was found on a bathroom wall, this time at

renovations and new State Police lease at the January 10 regular meeting. The new lease runs out on September 30, 2010. As negotiated, the State Police will gradually foot the bill for the \$120,000 renovation project with payments included in the monthly lease bills.

By the end of the lease's 10 years, the \$120,000 will have been completely paid back to the city, Lowe said.

"The City Council did a good job when they negotiated this lease. It's going to be a good deal for the city," said City Manager Lowe.

The city offices and City Police Department will move out of City Hall beginning February 1, 2000. Renovation work will continue into February, and the State Police should be able to occupy the entire building in March of this year.

City operations will move into the Century 21 building, located on M-72 West. As approved by the council on January 10, the city will have a "three-month lease with renewal option" for use of the building.

Now, the city must figure out what to do about a new home.

City Manager Lowe said the process of establishing a new city building may take one to two years, since the council is currently just considering the many possibilities. The decision process could be lengthy, and a source of funding would have to be determined, before any major progress could occur, he said.

"We're really just exploring all the options," Lowe said.

The City Council will hold future meetings at the Grayling Township office.

The City Council approved the

Grayling Middle School.

The scrawlings were found on January 17 in a boys' room and contained a January 18 threat date.

Reynolds said by the end of the day on Monday, law enforcement had a suspect and a confession. The eighth grade student is currently under an up to 10-day administrative suspension while the School Board prepares to go through the district's disciplinary procedures and allowing due process for the student.

"We take any threat to students and staff very seriously," Reynolds said. The Superintendent credited local law enforcement for the quick apprehension and confession of the culprit.

According to Reynolds, the middle schooler can expect to face prosecution through the juvenile justice system.



Photo by Cherryl Ruley

Crawford County Sheriff's Department Snowmobile Patrol men Dave Krug (left) and Mike Girard (right) size up the job of removing a stolen snowmobile frozen into Lake Margrethe last Friday afternoon. The Sheriff's office received a report of three stolen snowmobiles from a lakeshore residence. The snowmobile shown was the second to be pulled from the lake by a wrecker. The third is still missing and no suspects have been apprehended. Krug and Girard both commented that the ice is too thin to take chances on the lake, but the thin ice was an advantage in stopping the thieves from being fully successful.

Grant helps train special work force

by Cherryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Six Grayling residents are currently in training at the local Holiday Inn, thanks to a grant made to R.O.O.C., a 30-year old program that helps developmentally disabled adults become more independent.

"They are all loyal, hard workers who bring a kind of energy to our kitchen," said Dean Smith, the hotel's manager. "They are very upbeat about their jobs."

The workers have job coaches who supervise their training from one to three years, then may be lifted by the training employer or move on to other opportunities.



Photo by Cherryl Ruley

Grayling residents Karen Strachan and Pam Medzker said they enjoy their kitchen jobs.

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CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN



FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.



ARTHROSIS & YOUR FEET

A main symptom of arthritis, which is associated with a variety of diseases, is inflammation of the cartilage and lining of the joints. The feet are particularly susceptible to arthritis because each foot has 33 joints that can potentially be affected. In addition, it is nearly impossible to avoid the pain of weight-bearing activities that the feet endure each day. Early diagnosis and proper medical care can help decrease or prevent the debilitating effects of arthritis. See a podiatrist if symptoms of arthrosis feet develop, including swelling, recurring pain, or tenderness in any joint; redness or heat in a joint; limited mobility in a joint; early morning stiffness; or any skin changes, including rashes and growths.

Whether you have an arthritis-related

Head-on collision leaves two men dead

by Cherryl Rulley
Staff Writer

A Saturday afternoon ride on I-75 came to a tragic end for two Michigan men when their vehicles met in a fatal head-on collision about 12:45 p.m. on January 15.

Clare Powers Jr., 70, of Davison and Anthony Henry Spinelli, 36, of Beaver Creek Township died upon impact when the vehicles they were driving collided in a southbound lane of I-75, about one mile south of M-93 (Hartwick Pines Road).

According to a report from the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, several cellular phone calls were received by 911 Central Dispatch reporting Powers' vehicle, a 1996 Buick, was traveling northbound in a southbound lane of I-75. Before a patrol car could respond to the calls, Powers' vehicle impacted with Spinelli's 1991 GMC Jimmy, totalling both vehicles.

Sheriff David Lovely said that, while it is not certain how Powers began driving on the wrong side of the highway, it is possible Powers became confused, crossed the median, and then, believing he was in the correct lane, drove as if he were on a two-lane road.

Lovely said witnesses reported their puzzlement over why Spinelli apparently made no attempt to avoid the collision. No evidence of either driver braking prior to impact has



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department

Fire and rescue workers from the Grayling Fire Department were on scene within minutes of this fatal accident on I-75 last Saturday, but both drivers lost their lives in this terrible accident that occurred when one driver traveled on the wrong side of the highway.

been found thus far in the investigation and the use of alcohol does not appear to be a factor.

The southbound lanes were closed for about 3 1/2 hours following the accident to allow Sheriff's deputies to investigate. Both drivers' bodies were found wearing seat belts, but were pinned in the vehicles and had

to be extracted using the Jaws of Life. Grayling Fire Department personnel and North Flight EMS responded to and assisted in the recovery effort.

Spinelli was a 1981 graduate of Fraser High School and leaves behind a wife and two children. A fund will be set up in the near future

for the children's education.

Powers, according to the Sheriff, was in northern Michigan to visit friends and had a good driving record. More personal information about him has not been made available.

Sheriff Lovely said the accident remains under investigation.

County Board grants 99-year land lease to animal shelter

by Cherryl Rulley
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners recently approved and signed a 99-year lease of approximately five acres of land, behind the county fairgrounds, for the purpose of building a new Animal Shelter. The cost? One dollar per year.

Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board member Joe Porter said the lease signing was just the first step toward the realization of a sorely needed shelter. The next step will be to create a driveway sepa-

rate from that of the fairgrounds and athletic fields, from Old 27 to the building site.

Come spring, retired architectural engineer Ed Parks will volunteer his services again to come up with either a new or revised site plan for the shelter. Because the shelter board would like to keep costs down during the preliminary phase of the project, Porter said there will be some parts of the new set-up that may have to wait. On hold are a garage-type building and one other small storage building.

"It is imperative that we get the first phase done," remarked Porter. "The current building is so confining and a little discouraging to those who would otherwise volunteer.

This new shelter will be a blessing and should give Dixie what she needs," he said, referring to longtime animal shelter director Dixie Lobsinger.

The Shelter Board kicked off fund raising for the new building during the annual Christmas Walk in Grayling last November. About

\$450 was raised through the sale of homemade ornaments. Included with each ornament was a brochure telling about the need for funds to build the new shelter. Porter said donations are trickling in from as far away as Saginaw, some in memory of a beloved pet, some in honor of their pets. The bright pink brochures have also been placed in seven locations around Grayling.

Future fund raisers may include selling bricks for the new building and a quilting group has shown some interest in donating a handmade heirloom that would raise about \$1,000 for the building project.

The animal shelter has about \$5,000 saved so far toward the nearly \$200,000 needed for the entire project. Porter said his board has applied for a \$20,000 grant through the Weyerhaeuser foundation and agreed those funds would make a nice down payment.

Porter is encouraging animal lovers in Crawford County and beyond to consider making a dona-

tion toward the new, more accommodating building and grounds. Send check or money order to: Animal Shelter Building Project, P.O. Box 483, Grayling, MI 49738.

Lincoln Day
Dinner tickets
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The Crawford County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner 2000 will be held Saturday, February 19 at Shoppenagon's Inn, with social hour at 5:30 p.m. and a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The main speaker for the program will be Chuck Yob, of East Jordan, who represents Michigan on the National Republican Committee. Yob announced just this week that he will be the Republican nominee for Congressman from Michigan's First District this election year.

The First District includes the townships of Frederic, Lovells and Maple Forest across the north end of Crawford County. Yob has been very active in Republican circles at the local, state and national levels for many years.

Also on the program will be Fourth District Congressman Dave Camp, State Representative for the 105th District Ken Bradstreet and State Senator for the 36th District George McManus.

Tickets for the event are \$25 per person and are available at Shoppenagon's Inn and Goodale Bakery; or from County Republican Chair Lynette Corlew and other party members.



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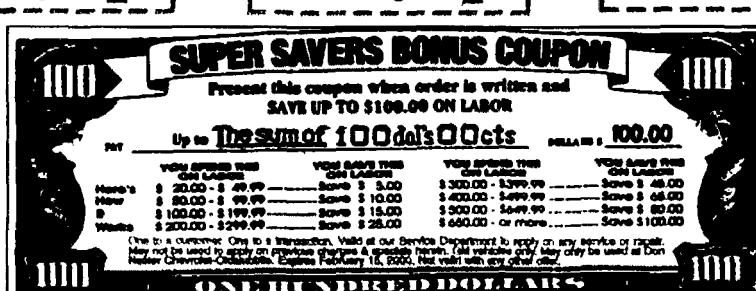
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Farm park begins new year recruiting volunteers

Little did Howard Taylor realize when he moved Arthur Wakely Jr.'s sawmill to his Beaver Creek farm several years ago, that it would become a focal point of Wellington Farm Park, a living history farm depicting life during the Great Depression.

Now, alongside the sawmill, stands a complete, working blacksmith shop fully functional carpentry shop, a large machine shed filled to the brim with tractors and vintage farm implements and a large petting barnyard.

Across the way is a picnic pavilion, large enough to host over 100 people, complete with wood burning cookstove, barbecue pit, buffet line and picnic tables. Nearby are the beginnings of what will become a summer kitchen and a granary.

Add to all of this two self-guided trails, a quiet vespers grove complete with pool, a gift shop, farm market and visitor center, and you have one of northern Michigan's newest major attractions. Though only four years old, this past season Wellington Farm Park hosted well over 5,000 visitors.

What is it that makes all this possible? It's the willingness and hard work of more than 50 individuals, members of the Wellington Farm



A volunteer demonstrator makes rope at the Farm Park. Wellington is looking for more volunteers to ensure another successful, event-filled year.

Avalanche file photo

Folk, who volunteer their time (well over 1,000 hours in 1999), skills and talents to making the park a fully functioning living history experience for all visitors.

As the farm continues to grow, more volunteers are continually

needed to man all the interpretive stations and demonstrate the skills and lifestyle of a time period that is almost forgotten.

If you would be interested in becoming a Wellington Farm Park volunteer, call toll-free 1-888-

OLD-FARM or visit the web site at www.wellingtonfarmpark.org.

The Wellington Farm Folk meet the first Tuesday evening of each month at the Lone Pine Restaurant in Grayling. Visitors are always welcome.

Parents have final say on teen driver licenses

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller is reminding parents that while Michigan's Graduated Driver License program gives them a larger role in the training of teen drivers, they have always had the final say in whether their teen should be allowed to drive.

The state's chief motor vehicle administrator noted that since graduated driver licensing went into effect, more than 1,000 teens have had their driving privileges canceled or their licensing level changed at the request of parents or legal guardians.

"Many people count on government to provide regulatory oversight and ensure public safety and that includes the driver licensing process," Secretary Miller explained.

"However, when it comes to new young drivers, the most important oversight comes from parents," she said. "We want to remind parents they can and should use their discretion in determining whether their teen is qualified and mature enough to drive."

Miller issued the statement on the heels of a legislative proposal outlined in Lansing that would affect the driving privileges of teens who are chronically truant from school.

Since April 1, 1997, a total of 1,039 teens have had their driving privileges changed at the request of their parents or legal guardians.

Some 883 teens have had their graduated driver licenses canceled. These young people are not eligible for any driving privilege until the

being presented.

A Level 1 license allows a teen to drive only when accompanied by a licensed parent or legal guardian, or with a designated licensed driver older than age 21.

A Level 2 license allows a teen to

drive without supervision from 5 a.m. to midnight. The teen can only drive from midnight to 5 a.m. when going to or from work, or when

accompanied by a licensed parent, legal guardian, or designated driver older than age 21.

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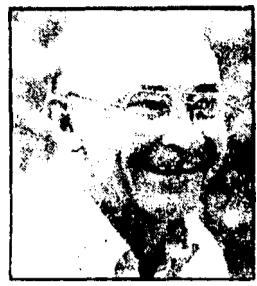
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Kids put in midst of political storm

ELIAN GONZALEZ -- The facts of the matter are simple enough, and should have commanded a simple response.

Elian Gonzalez, age 6, and his mother were trying to get to the United States from Cuba on an illegal passage when the boat sank, the mother died, Elian somehow survived and landed in Florida.

His father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, who had been helping to support him after the parents divorced, wants his son back with him in Cuba.

It should be a foregone conclusion, without argument. Father wants son, father gets son.

But it hasn't happened that way. Elian, staying in Miami with his great uncle, has become a pawn in the continuous struggle between anti-Castro Cubans in the U.S. and the belligerent regime of Fidel Castro on the home island.

The boy is in the middle. What does he know of economic blockades, and foreign relations, and democracy versus communism? What does he care about such things? He has become merely a symbol.

Elian's life already has been traumatized by the split of his family and the death of his mother. The political battle over him only adds more trauma.

The sooner he is reunited with his father, the better for the child.

But, alas, it is not the welfare of the child which is at issue here.

NATHANIEL ABRAHAM -- Unfortunate echoes of Elian Gonzalez' fate resound in Michigan with the trial of Nathaniel Abraham.

The facts in the Abraham matter are not nearly as simple.

By the time he was 11, Nathaniel Abraham had been in trouble at school and with the law many times. His mother tried to get counseling help for him without success.

One night Nathaniel fired a battered .22 rifle near a party store in Pontiac. His bullet killed Ronnie Greene, 18, as he came out of the store. Nathaniel became the youngest person ever to be charged with murder in this country. Eventually a jury found him guilty of second degree murder.

Nathaniel Abraham also became a political cause, with racial tinges, although both shooter and victim are black.

His case attracted attention from notorious outsiders

ranging from flashy attorney Geoffrey Fieger to roving civil rights activists Al Sharpton and Martin Luther King III.

The law has been criticized, the Oakland prosecutor for using it, and the Michigan legislature for enacting it.

The judge has been criticized for his sentence -- too stern for some critics, too lenient for others.

Society has been condemned for somehow permitting Nathaniel Abraham to become the person he is.

Nathaniel Abraham, too, has become a symbol. It's a good bet we'll hear of him again.

There is no simple answer to kiddie crime -- except that children as young as 11 should not be treated as adults.

They are not adults. They're kids ... even when they do criminal things.

JOHN ROCKER -- Symbolism plays a part in the John Rocker situation, too.

Mr. Rocker is the strong-armed pitcher for the Atlanta Braves who doesn't like New York and the people who live there, and has said so publicly, using colorful but insulting and outrageous terms.

The baseball commissioner ordered Mr. Rocker to

undergo psychiatric testing for his most recent outburst of verbal excess, before deciding what to do about him.

To some in America, John Rocker has become a symbol, too, for those who, in their own bias and bigotry, may believe the same things but wouldn't say so in a press interview.

Mr. Rocker, meanwhile, admitted he was wrong and apologized publicly.

The best way to treat John Rocker is to ignore him. His words spring more from ignorance than evil. Once past any immediate shock, his words carry no lasting effect.

As for his baseball future, as long as his fastball holds out, he'll have a job.

Remember Latrell Sprewell, who choked his coach and now is a millionaire player for the New York Knicks? Or Roberto Alomar, who spit at an umpire, and continues an illustrious and well paid baseball career?

Sports fans are forgiving -- especially if the offending jerk has talent.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Reach out to kids caught in the middle

To the editor,

All the recent coverage in the news about the high divorce rate in parts of Michigan, as well as people's discussion about the fate of the young Cuban boy, has me hoping to share some unique and personal insight.

When I was four years old, I found myself on an airplane flying to Cuba. One of my many foster families, the Carrs, had gotten me back so I could go on a trip. What a great time for this little boy!

When the trip was over, I was yanked away from the Carrs again, which became the pattern, and plunked down into another new foster home. This time it was in Lansing, so I would be near my real dad.

One night after school, my sister, Denney, and I were grabbed out of the house and thrown into the back-seat of a car.

A professional had kidnapped us, taking us across state lines to Chicago where we were reunited with my mother.

During the next year or so we moved from one "hole-in-the-wall" to another and I even sat in jail with my troubled mother on three occasions.

One day, as I was outside, Mom and Dad Carr showed up. What a thrill of that moment. They promised to get me out of there. Then they were gone.

For many days I would watch and pray to see a maroon 1950 Plymouth.

Mom and Dad Carr did return, this time in court. My sister and I attended the court sessions. Arguments were heard between my

real dad, my real mother, my grandmother, and Mom and Dad Carr as to who got custody of Bobby and Denney.

At six years old, going into court and hearing your fate is something never to be forgotten. For the final hearing, I was pulled up the aisle past everyone. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw Mom and Dad Carr sitting in the back. The judge called the court into session and began to discuss options.

It was then I had my chance. I broke free and ran up the aisle to jump into Dad Carr's lap.

That maneuver brought the hearing to a close. I was going home to the farm.

Like me, the little Cuban boy knows where his love is.

My experience, and that of my sister, is just two of the countless experiences that happen to children when families split up. And, they do.

What happens so often is that children become the "political football" in a war between family members and, yes, sometimes between different countries.

So, then what can happen? We kids bounce around. I did take the Carr name. As to Denney, I can never get her to stay in touch. My half brother is a stranger, and Wendy has spent her adult life in an adult foster care home. All because we were pawns in an adult battle, children to no one. This doesn't have to happen.

Whether it is in the case of the Cuban boy, or in the cases of neighbors you know, I would urge that each of us reach out with kindness to touch the emotions of the child

caught in the middle. That one independent gesture might just change their whole outlook on life. If we do not, then who will? We do not know.

And always, the child's interest and longings must be central.

What about the Moms and Dads? Their lives are important, too. Will they have joy or sorrow?

I just found two letters -- one from my real dad and the other from Mom Carr, written just months apart. They say it all. From my real dad (we had again met) he wrote: "This fall, come down again when the season has ended. You can stay here. We have a lot to talk about."

And, foster Mom Carr wrote, "Dear Bob my dream boy, I feel there is a love bond between us that can't be broken. There's room in this world to share a lot of love, don't you think?"

Yes, Mom, there is!

Bob Carr
Mackinac Island
and Traverse City

• *Bob Carr, the operator of businesses on Mackinac Island and Traverse City, has also run for State Congress as a Republican in the First District.*

A note to City residents
Editor's note: Grayling Mayor Marilyn Palmer asked if we would convey this information to our readers after some residents experienced sewer problems this winter.

After normal business hours, during weekends and on holidays if you have a problem with city services (other than police matters) the phone numbers to reach assistance are 348-4911 or 348-6341.

In order to make the Grayling City offices more user friendly for our customers, the City Council is considering the extension of business hours.

Due to renovations of City Council chambers, Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright

Frederic resident offers 'wake-up call'

To the editor,

I live in Frederic. I realize what others say about our small community. We have been called "Armpit of the County," "Jack Pine Savages," "Inbreeds," "Third Generation Welfare Rats." The signs of Frederic: "flannel shirts and smell of smoke."

I felt, how could anyone have the right to judge us this way? We should be respected, not looked down upon. It's true we're not the "West Bloomfield Hills" of Crawford County, but we are proud of our community. No community is perfect.

I moved to Frederic about seven years ago. I felt that our small community was nice, and very friendly. At the January 11 townshipp meeting, my feelings slightly changed.

I do not have patience with the loudmouth know-it-alls who are ignorant and have no class, the holier-than-thous who can't be reasoned with, narrow-minded people. I guess I didn't know Frederic like I thought.

If people want to be rude, or see rude, I can be rude too! I don't feel that I'm better than anyone else in this town, because I'm not. Some

people in our town won't live forever, nor will I.

Frederic! Come out of the Dark Ages, get with the program! Reality check! Duh! The community of Frederic can not stay stagnant.

Crime, drugs, bomb threats, gangs, drive-by shootings, they're all around us. I just hope that our small community of Frederic doesn't have to have something tragic happen before we realize what we have to do for our community and our children. "They will inherit."

Marlene Bindschadel
Frederic

Work of many gives riverside new appeal

To the editor,

As reported in the *Crawford County Avalanche*, the City sewer pipe that for many years spanned the AuSable River, just downstream from the I-75 Business Loop Bridge and just upstream from our dock at Ray's Canoe Livery & The Fly Factory, has been removed. Not only was it unsightly but, periodically, untreated sewage leaked from

the pipe into the river, where children often swam and played.

Removal of the City sewer pipe, combined with improvements previously made by the City of Grayling to the adjacent retaining wall and walkway, has transformed the riverside and the view upstream toward the dam into a functional and attractive asset to be admired by Grayling visitors and area residents

alike.

We'd like to recognize and commend the efforts of all of those involved in the project, including officials and employees of the City of Grayling -- past and present -- as well as the representatives of other agencies who may have played a role in the project.

Steve & Cecilia Southard
Grayling

King's contributions need to be recognized and remembered

To the editor,

The papers and the media are strangely silent, except for the national media, about Martin Luther King Day. I am so surprised that the State of Michigan doesn't recognize Martin Luther King Day as a holiday.

I feel that it is a racial statement and a real tragedy for our youth that we do not recognize the contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr. He is internationally recognized by the world community as one of the important historical figures of the millennium.

This man stood for freedom and equality through civil disobedience, non-violence teachings of Mahatma Ghandi. He is a national hero and historical figure of the highest magnitude.

Robert Kennedy spoke about Dr. King and violence in America sever-

al months before his own assassination. He said, "senseless violence touches us all, no matter what our background is, and yet it goes on and on and on."

We would do well to talk about this man of non-violence in our schools. It is more important now because of the threats of bombs and violence in our schools today.

I remember when my daughter went to school in another state. Her teachers talked about Martin Luther King in the classroom. They talked about what he did in his life and what he stood for and what he represented. He stood for the American dream of equality, the Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights when all of God's children can say: "Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, free at last."

Brenda Gomez
Frederic

Letters to the Editor

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BRIEFS

Band Boosters change meeting plans

The Viking Band Boosters' membership meeting has been moved to January 27 in the Grayling High School band room. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. All band members' parents are invited to attend.

Lutheran church to host card party

St. John Lutheran Church, located at 710 Spruce Street, will host a card party and luncheon, Wednesday, January 19 beginning at 12 noon. Cost is a donation of \$4.

Transplant Support Group to meet

The Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan will meet Saturday, January 22, at 1 p.m., in the classroom at Otsego Memorial Hospital, 825 N. Center in Gaylord. Guest speaker will be Nancy Reagan, RN, who talk on the subject "Home Health Care." The group is designed for anyone who is pre- or post-transplant, their families or friends, caregivers, donors or other interested community members. For more information or to check for cancellations, call Bev Cherwinski at (517) 983-4188, or the hospital's Health Education Department at (517) 731-2193. Pre-registration is not required.

Retirement party planned for McConnell

Camp Grayling Commander Colonel Gary J. McConnell is retiring from the Michigan Army National Guard after 33 years of military service. A retirement party will be held in his honor at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Saturday, February 5 starting at 5:30 p.m. Uniform for the event will be Dress Blues, Class A or appropriate civilian attire. A buffet-style dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$17 per person and includes contribution toward a gift. To purchase tickets contact Col. Dale French at 344-6152 or Lt. Col. Tom Lamie at 344-6107, or send a check payable to the Camp Grayling Officer's Association to Headquarters, Attn: Lt. Col. Tom Lamie, Building 117, Camp Grayling, MI 49739. Friends, relatives and colleagues are invited to join in celebrating McConnell's achievements and dedicated military service.

Annual coupon book sale under way

The Viking Band Boosters annual coupon book sale is going on now. Each book contains savings of over \$700 for just \$15. Books are available from Band Boosters or by calling Debbie Rugenstein at (517) 275-5172.

Artist to speak at Kiwanis meeting

Roscommon artist Joe Gagnier will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis luncheon meeting on Monday, January 24 at Shoppenagon's Inn. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Interlochen begins new year

Your new year is sure to get off to an exhilarating start at Interlochen Center for the Arts, with the presentation of a timeless classic, "Romeo and Juliet," performed by guest troupe, Ballet de l'Opera de Bordeaux. This ballet troupe, directed by the award-winning Carles Jude, adds grace and beauty to the Shakespearean love story.

The curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 21 in Corson Auditorium. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students 18 and under. Upcoming student presentations include:

The Student Art Exhibit will open at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 22 and run through Sunday, February 12 in the Visual Arts

CRAWFORD LIBRARY NEWS

Story Hour will start January 26 at 2 p.m. at the Crawford County Library in the Children's Room.

Name game, calendar, numbers, songs, finger plays, stories, filmstrip and craft are the activities covered in a typical Story Hour.

Story Hour participation will allow your child, three to five years, to review manners, practice listening skills, share with others and learn

about using the Library.

The Friends of the Library Poster/Essay contest continues until February 7th. Entries can be dropped off at any of the Crawford County Libraries.

For more information, please call 348-9214.

To join the Friends of the Library, please call 348-9214 or call Shirley Schmoock at 348-5132.

Buddy Bear Project provides comfort to children in crisis

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling is sponsoring the Spinoza "Buddy Bear Project," a program created for children with life challenging conditions or crisis.

The project grew out of a desire to provide each special child with his or her own bear to serve as a constant companion giving unconditional love. In addition, he helps them to physically, psychologically, and emotionally endure symptoms and procedures that are often painful or frightening.

This bear is much more than just a teddy bear. He is an effective therapeutic tool with a high quality cassette tape player and speaker hidden deep in his fur, capable of playing his complete library of nine audio cassettes or recorded messages from family members or friends.

For over a decade this project has helped calm and comfort children in over 10,000 hospitals, hospices, schools, day care centers, and Head Start programs.

On January 21, Chemical Bank North, located on the South I-75 Business Loop, will hold a "Dress



Down Day." On this date, bank employees will dress casually and donate to the Buddy Bear Project. Funds collected will be used to purchase a bear for a child in our community. Donations can be made at this location.

Perhaps you know of a child in our community who would benefit from this program. Maybe your organization would be interested in learning more about the Buddy Bear Project. For more information on this worthwhile project, contact any Kiwanis member or drop a line to: Kiwanis, P.O. Box 291, Grayling, MI 49738.

Pets' birth control is a phone call away with 'Best Friends'

Lewiston's Best Friends (LBF) has started the year 2000 with plenty of recognition. It recently received a \$3,000 grant from the Presque Isle Electric Company's Communities First Fund.

With the grant money, LBF will help pet owners who are unable to afford to have their pets spayed or neutered to do so. The organization plans to alter 150 animals from now until February 29 -- National Spay Day.

In addition to the grant award, LBF was featured in the January-February issue of the Longaberger Company's national consultant magazine, *Your Success*, spotlighting the

organization's board members as well as its purpose and goals.

Also, LBF now has its own web site: k2.kirtland.cc.mi.us/~tatumn/. Look LBF up and bookmark the page to check their monthly figures on spays and neuters, as well as how you can help the group through purchases at Carter's, Spartan brand stores and Petsmart.com.

For more information on the organization or if you need help getting your pet spayed or neutered, write the group at: LBF, P.O. Box 969, Lewiston, MI 49756, e-mail them at their web site, or call Sally at Bud Jones Insurance Agency, (517) 786-2296.

Amateur photo contest seeks entries, prizes to be awarded

The International Library of Photography announced recently that over \$60,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest.

Photographers from the Grayling area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is March 31, 2000. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

"Everyone has at least one memorable photo that captures a special moment in time," stated Jeffrey Bryan, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free photography contest, they suddenly realize their own favorite photos can win cash prizes, as well as gain national exposure," continued Bryan.

To enter, send one photograph in only one of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children,

Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other.

The photo must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8" x 10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo.

Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-9007, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by March 31, 2000.

The International Library of Photography is an organization dedicated to bringing the work of amateur photographers to the public's attention. Visit their web site at: www.picture.com.

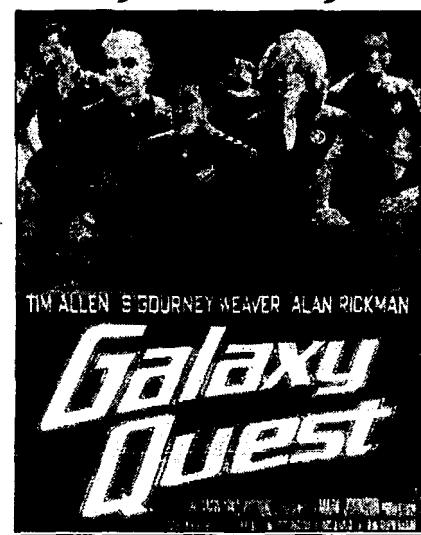
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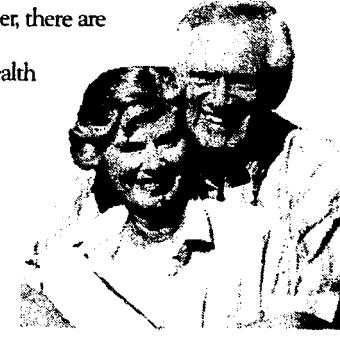
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The Bible Speaks

Humanist Manifesto 2000

The new Humanist Manifesto 2000, recently released by the International Academy of Humanism, reaffirms the old principles of Humanist Manifestos I and II on a global scale. It is presented as, "A Call for a New Planetary Humanism." It reads like a blueprint for global Marxism. They call their world view, "Scientific Naturalism" because it is "disengaged from metaphysics or theology." Instead of calling their system "dialectical materialism" like the Communists did, they call it "nonideological materialism." They plan an atheistic world future which excludes the authority of God. They say, "...there is insufficient scientific evidence for spiritual interpretations of reality."

They are calling for a new Planetary Bill of Rights and Responsibilities based upon the "common moral decencies" or "the general moral virtues that are widely shared by humans of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds." To implement this "new planetary consensus" they are calling for "a system of international law that transcends the laws of the separate nations." To enforce their international law they propose a "World Parliament" and elections to it based on population which will represent the people, not their governments. To settle disputes they propose a "World Court" and an International Judiciary with suffi-

cient power to enforce its rulings." They propose a stronger global military force under the United Nations to keep the peace. To finance all this they propose an "international system of taxation in order to assist the underdeveloped sectors of the human family and to fulfill social needs not fulfilled by market forces. We would begin with a tax levied on the Gross National Product (GNP) of all nations, the proceeds to be used for economic and social assistance and peace."

Their goals are utopian, but clear: "First, we should strive to end poverty and malnutrition and to provide adequate health care and shelter for people everywhere on the planet. This means that nobody should be denied adequate food and clean water and we should try our best to eradicate infectious diseases, ensure proper sanitation, and guarantee a minimum standard of housing for everyone. Second, we should strive to provide economic security and adequate income for everyone." They believe the civilized nations as the greatest wasters and polluters of the planet, should reduce their rich lifestyle to pay for this. If necessary maybe they will even fine us beyond our taxes through "a planetary environmental monitoring agency on the transnational level" to "enforce measures against serious ecological pollution."

They came out with A Secular Humanist Declaration in 1980 in an attempt to expose "Fundamentalist religious and right-wing political forces" as the enemies. They say, "We are especially concerned about antiscientific, anti-modern trends, including the emergence of shrill fundamentalist voices and the persistence of bigotry and intolerance."

This global spirit of antichrist is upon us in these last days. (1 John 2:18) (2 Tim 3:13) "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." Study your Bible, pray, take your family to a Bible-believing Church! Jesus Christ is coming back! Be Ready!

"Pastor B" Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 am

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Annual sign-up period for Medicare medical insurance coverage is now

Medicare general enrollment period is January 1 - March 31

Social Security's national toll-free number is: 1-800-772-1213

other medical services and supplies not covered by Part A Medicare hospital insurance.

The cost of the medical insurance premium is \$45.50 a month in 2000. However, beneficiaries who sign up now instead of when they were originally eligible will have an additional 10 percent added to their premium for each year they could have enrolled in Part B but didn't.

If you sign up at any time during the general enrollment period, your coverage will begin July 1, 2000.

If you do not have Part A Medicare hospital insurance, but are 65 or older and a U.S. citizen or a lawfully admitted alien who has

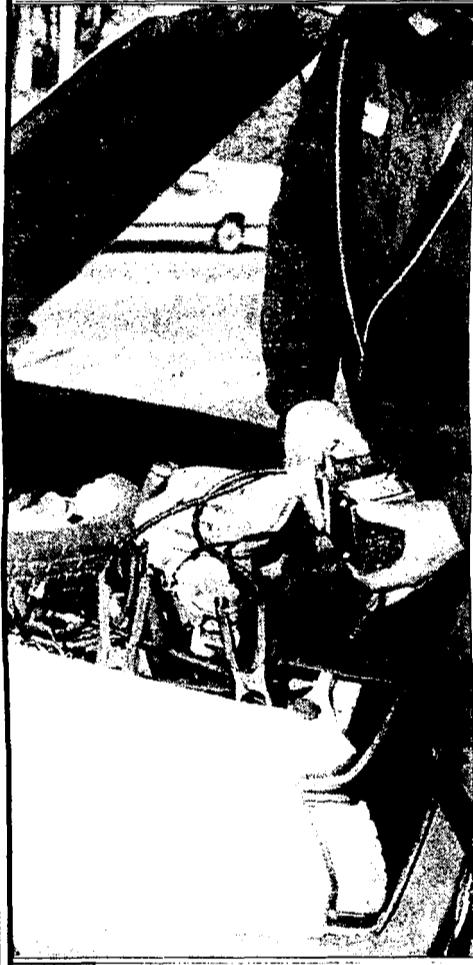
lived in the U.S. for at least five years, you can sign up for Part B medical insurance only or for both Part A and B (hospital and medical insurance) at this time.

The premium for hospital insurance varies depending on the amount of time you may have worked in jobs where you paid Social Security taxes.

If you are interested in enrolling in Medicare or would like more information, you can call, write or visit your local Social Security office, or call Social Security's national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

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"Power belongeth unto God," says Psalm 62:11. As a car must draw power from the battery, we must draw upon God for our power. How can we do that so life will not find us weak and unprepared?

Each week, visit your local church or synagogue to strengthen your spirit. Keep the spark ignited with daily prayer and meditation. Then you will be ready for the test.

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Local uniform supplier adds more space

by Cherrill Ruley

Staff Writer

Arrow Uniform Rental on the I-75 Business Loop in Grayling recently underwent expansion to accommodate growing route sales and materials moved when the company closed its Cadillac office.

Branch Manager Dave Farmer said a 6,000-square foot addition to the Grayling distribution center will give operations more room and keep things running smoothly for his staff of 15 employees, who are mostly delivery and sales personnel. Farmer said the expansion opens the possibility of hiring up to four more employees this calendar year.

Arrow Uniform operates in seven states, and the Grayling distribution center covers all of northern lower Michigan -- from Ludington to Alpena, from U.S. 10 to the Mackinaw Bridge -- and fills orders for any shop or industrial laundering services in addition to uniform rentals.

Farmer said the industrial laundry is shipped out daily to the "largest independent plant in the world," located in Taylor.

For local history buffs... the building that houses Arrow Uniform in Grayling used to house Cadillac Coverall until Arrow bought the company.

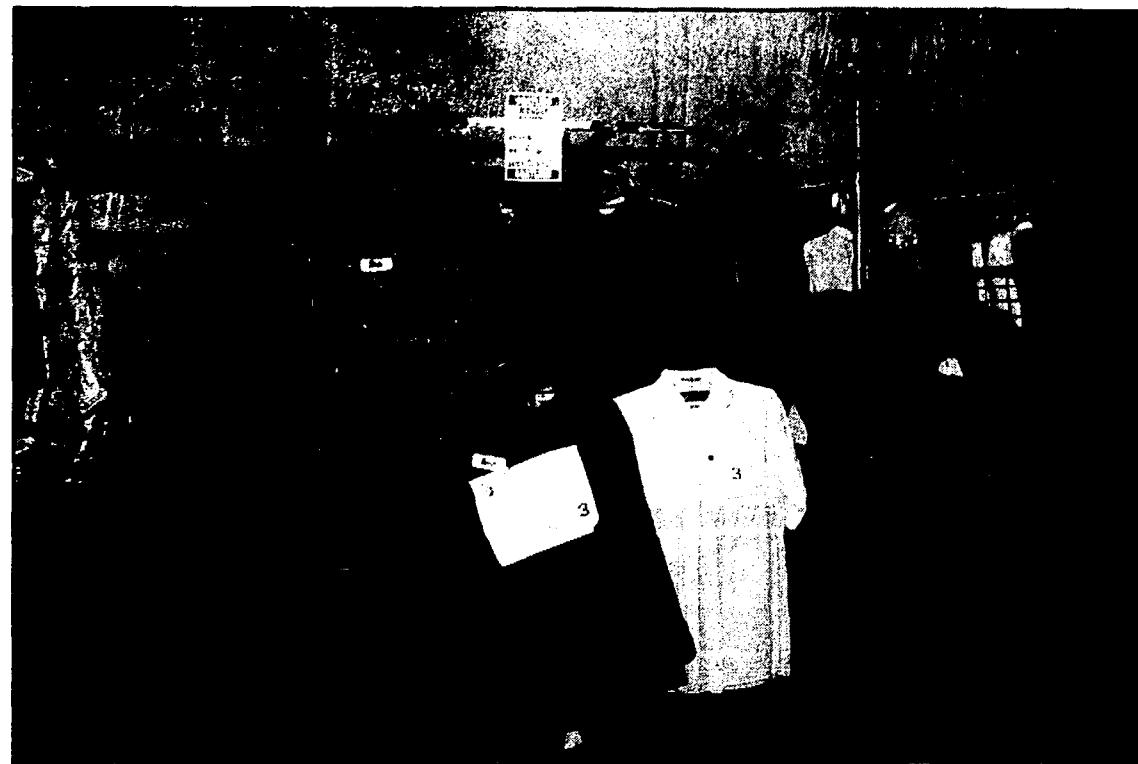


Photo by Cherrill Ruley

Arrow Uniform Rental Branch Manager Dave Farmer stands in the 6,000-square foot addition to the Grayling distribution center on the I-75 Business Loop. The addition was necessitated by the company's closure of their Cadillac distribution center. No one lost their job because of the closure. Cadillac employees are now working out of the Grayling center.

Legendary saxophonist coming to north country

Saxophonist Boots Randolph will be performing at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, in the G.I. Stewart Auditorium, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 22.

Randolph started playing saxophone when he was 16 years old and has had a love affair with the sax ever since.

"Yakety Sax" has truly become a standard all over the world. Because of being the theme song of the *Benny Hill Show*, Randolph's notoriety has spread everywhere. He wrote "Yakety Sax" in 1958 and has recorded it many times.

Boots Randolph's credits include many network television variety shows and playing in his own club in Nashville, and he still travels on a limited schedule.

Tickets are available for this performance that promises to be an evening of music, humor and good fun, are available by calling the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.

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New pizzeria owner has a 'new attitude'

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Same location and same phone number, but in comes a new owner with a new attitude. Little Caesar's Pizza has re-opened, shiny clean and ready to serve its customers.

New owner Jeffrey Knirk says he closed the pizzeria for a few weeks to give it a good cleaning and to make repairs. "This Little Caesar's had a poor reputation in the community and I want to change that."

Knirk is offering the same fare of pizza, salads and specialty breads, but has recently added a variety of grinders to the menu. Delivery services have started, too.

The new owner has been in training in Gaylord for the past 14 months. But, Knirk can boast of years of experience in the food service area working for Elias Brothers' Big Boy.

Through Elias Brothers, Knirk took on the task of feeding hungry crowds at such events as the Buick Open, the Detroit River Boat Races and the Detroit Grand Prix.

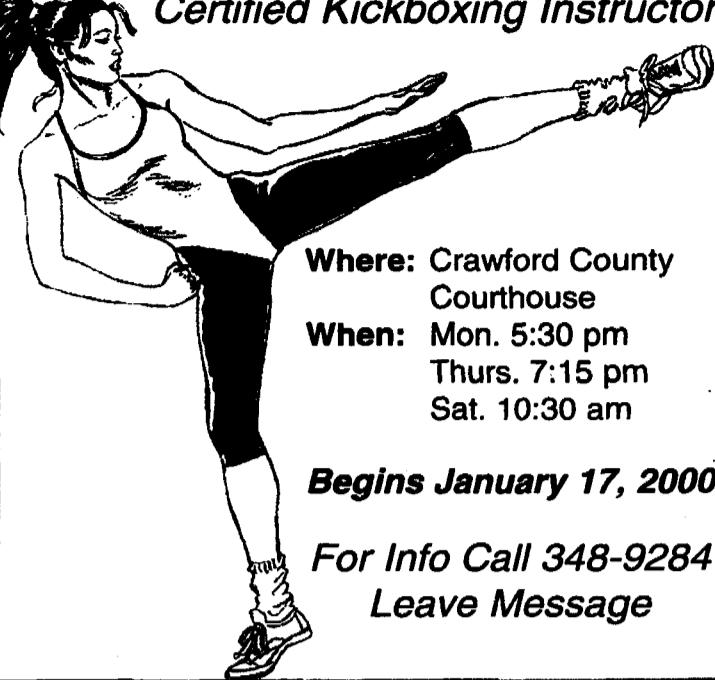


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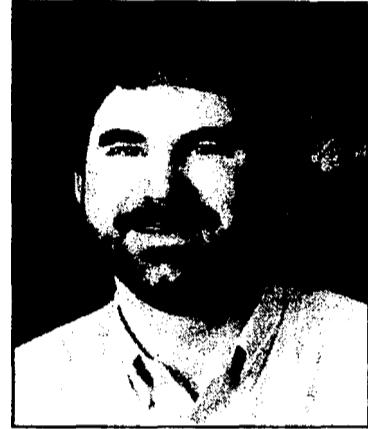
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Bennett to watch over recipients' rights



Jonathan Bennett

North Central Community Mental Health (NCCMH) recently announced the promotion of Jonathan Bennett to the position of Recipient Rights Officer, effective January 3, 2000.

In his new position, Bennett will assure the agency is in compliance with the Michigan Mental Health Code (P.A. 290 of 1995) by receiving reports of, and investigating, apparent violations; by acting on behalf of recipients of mental health services to obtain remedies for apparent violations; and by otherwise endeavoring to safeguard

the rights guaranteed by this Chapter of the Michigan Mental Health Code.

Bennett has been with NCCMH since July 14, 1997, serving persons with serious and persistent mental illness on the A.C.T. Team. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois and is a licensed social worker.

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OBITUARIES

Anthony Henry

"Tony" Spinelli

Anthony Henry "Tony" Spinelli, 36, of Roscommon (Beaver Creek Township) and formerly of Fraser, died Saturday, January 15, 2000 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident on I-75 near Grayling.

Mr. Spinelli was born August 2, 1963 in Mount Clemens to Norman and Katherine T. (Dyer) Spinelli. He was a 1981 graduate of Fraser High School and played hockey in many youth leagues, beginning at the age of four. He moved to Roscommon from Roseville 2 1/2 years ago and played softball in the Roscommon Church Softball League for St. Michael Catholic Church where he was a member.

At the time of his death, Mr. Spinelli was a warehouse delivery man for Nuway Plumbing and Heating of Gaylord.

He leaves behind his wife Pamela (Cavanaugh) Spinelli whom he married on November 7, 1986 at St. Louise Catholic Church in Warren, and two young children, Anthony and Kayla, all at home.

Also surviving are his parents, Norman and Katherine Spinelli of Roscommon, and older brother Norman H., Jr. (Kathleen) of Warren. He is also survived by aunts and uncles Dennis (Pat) Paul of Flint and Danny (Diane) Dyer of Sterling Heights, as well as nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Spinelli was preceded in death by his grandparents and two brothers, James H. (at age 26) and Norman H., II (in infancy).

Funeral services will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church in Roscommon at 12 noon on Thursday, January 20, with Reverend Anthony Citro officiating. Burial will be at Beaver Creek Township Cemetery near Grayling. Funeral arrangements were made by Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home in Roscommon.

Memorials may be made to the family as a fund will be set up for the children's future education.

GRAYLING CITY POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 58 complaints during the week of January 9-15, 2000:

Three false alarms, one animal control, three misdemeanor arrests, one assault, two assists to other departments, 10 city ordinance violations, three domestics, two juvenile complaints, nine larcenies, three suspicious situations, six private property accidents, one traffic accident, one traffic control complaint, seven traffic warnings, and six miscellaneous complaints.

Illa M. Cooper

Illa M. Cooper, 68, of Berkley, formerly of Grayling, died Wednesday, January 12, 2000 at her home in Berkley.

Mrs. Cooper was born September 10, 1931 in Grayling, the daughter of Homer and Ida Valentine, Sr.

Mrs. Cooper was a resident of Berkley for more than 50 years.

She is survived by five sons, Frank (Connie) Irons of Rapid River, James A. Irons of Mt. Pleasant, Steven Irons of Berkley, Douglas (Elizabeth) Irons of Royal Oak and Michael Irons of Royal Oak; two daughters, Debra K. Irons of Utica and Cynthia Collins of Las Vegas, Nevada; nine grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers, Homer Valentine, Jr. of Atlanta and Jack Valentine of Atlanta; two sisters, Barbara (Jerry) Hicks of Atlanta and Virginia (Basil) Nichols of Memphis, Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, James A. Irons in 1978 and Millard Cooper in 1996, and by her mother.

Visitation was planned for Friday, January 14, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home in Berkley. Funeral services were provided by the funeral home on Saturday, January 15, at 9:30 a.m., with Rev. Peter Carlson officiating and burial at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

Opal L. Coleman

Opal L. Coleman, age 102, died early Tuesday morning, January 18, at Mercy Manor in Grayling.

Chapel services will be held at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi at a date to be announced later.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Avalanche.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Keith W. Johnston

Keith W. Johnston, 63, formerly of Grayling, died Friday, January 14, 2000 at his home in Northfield Township.

Mr. Johnston was born February 10, 1936 in Grayling to Norman and Laura (Moon) Johnston.

After working for 20 years, Mr. Johnston retired as a machinist in Ann Arbor in 1996.

Mr. Johnston is survived by his wife, Margaret Johnston, whom he married June 5, 1976.

He is also survived by one son, Tom (Marilyn) Johnston of Whitmore Lake; stepsons Randy Mayzes of Ann Arbor and Russell (Margaret) Mayzes of Kentucky; stepdaughters Trudy (Phil) Lack of Jackson and Lee (Mike) Craiger of Ypsilanti; three sisters, Norma Judd, Loretta Tobin and Evelyn Drilick; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Johnston was preceded in death by brothers Chester, George, and Leon.

Visitation was Sunday, January 16, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Monday, January 17, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Funeral services took place Tuesday, January 18, at 11 a.m. at the Bell Borek Funeral Home. The place of burial was Washtenong Memorial Park. Services were officiated by Reverend Al Kasten.

Wake planned

A wake will be held in memory of Walter (Jim) Bendig at the American Legion Hall on January 22 at noon. Food will be provided by the American Legion Auxiliary. Entertainment provided by "Free Wheelin' Fred Hinkle". Donations in memory of Walter J. Bendig can be sent to the American Legion Auxiliary or to the Grayling Booster Club. All friends and family invited.

HEALTHLINE

By Linda De Marchis, M.A., Health Educator

Question: My children love to go sledding but I worry about their safety. What are some of the safety rules they should follow?

Signed,
Sledding Mother

Answer: Sledding and tobogganing are enjoyable winter activities that provide a great opportunity for children to combine fun with fresh air and exercise. Unfortunately, these outdoor activities can also be dangerous, resulting in head injuries, broken bones and even death in some instances. Each year, around 7,000 children nationwide suffer head injuries from sledding.

Here are some tips to reduce your child's risk of injury while sledding (notice the first initials of each word spell "sledding") from the Michigan Department of Public Health:

S - Select snow packed slopes, not icy hills that may increase speed to dangerous levels.

L - Look for slopes that have long

runs far away from streets and traffic.

E - Ensure that the area is free of hazards such as trees, posts and fences since collisions with these objects are extremely dangerous.

D - Dress warmly and properly. Wear a helmet for safety as well as boots and gloves.

I - Inclines you choose should be less than 30 degrees.

N - Never allow children to participate in reckless behavior while sledding, such as colliding with others, running in front of sleds, throwing snowballs at sledders, etc.

G - Guarantee that your child's sled is in good condition before using it.

Following these simple rules should help you and your children enjoy this winter sport with more safety and less anxiety.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department handled the following 84 complaints during the week of January 10-16, 2000:

One EMS response, six delinquent minors, one runaway, one valid alarm, two false alarm activations, one accident-fire, 17 general non-criminal, eight traffic accidents, one snowmobile accident, one motor vehicle inspection, three civil matter disputes-family trouble, seven suspicious situations, two lost & found property, one natural death, one sovereignty, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault & battery/simple assault, two burglary/home invasions, one burglary-forced entry-residence, one burglary-entry without force-residence, four larcenies, one larceny-other, one motor vehicle theft, two damage to property, five public peace/disorderly, one operating under the influence of alcohol, 10 health & safety (all animal control calls), and one invasion of privacy/wiretap/eavesdropping.

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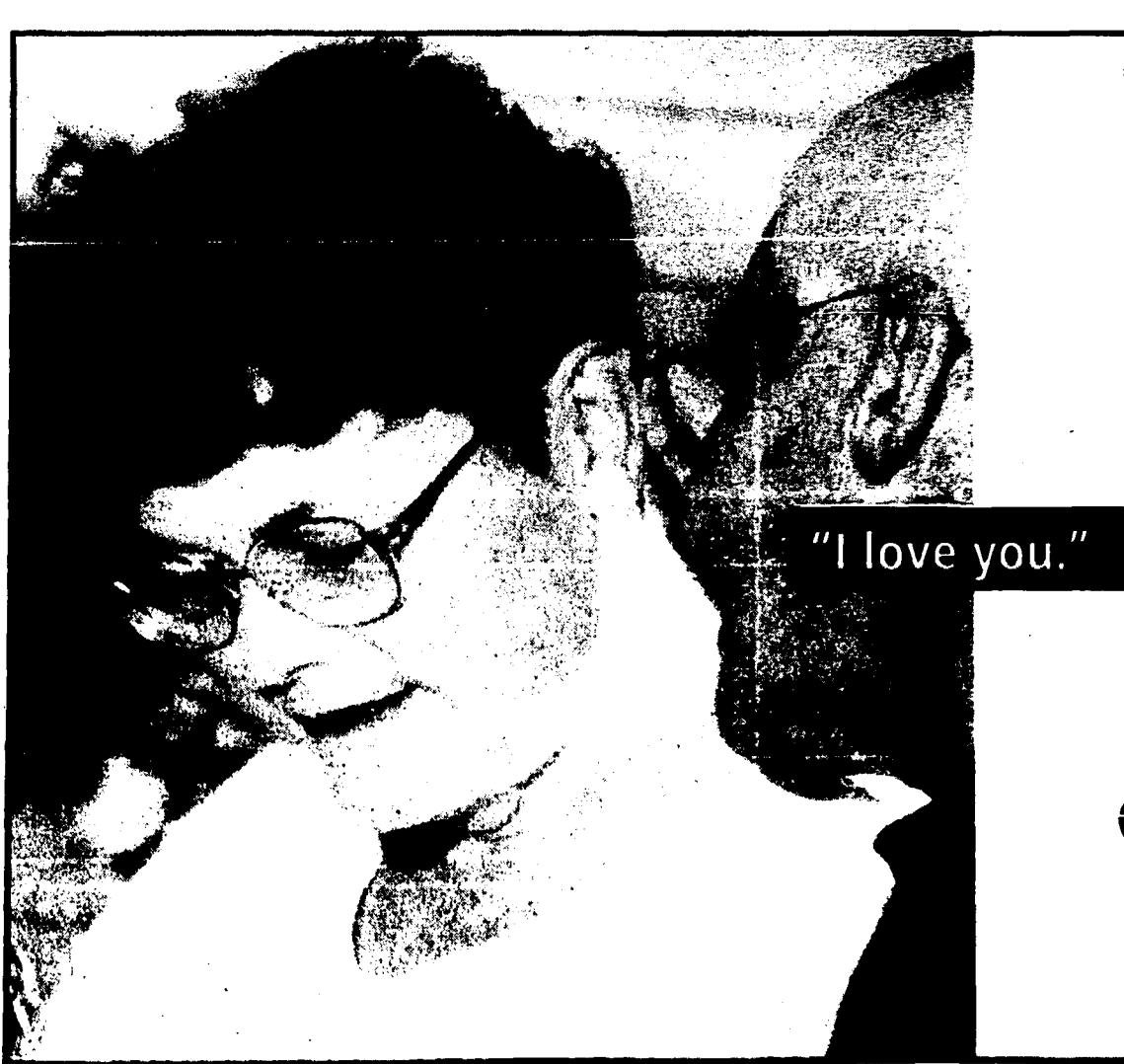
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Wertz Warriors to start annual trek

► 19th annual snowmobile ride to benefit Michigan Special Olympics

Miles of snow, freezing air whipping across the trail, and aching muscles. These are the challenges for the Wertz Warriors during their week-long, 900-mile Snowmobile Endurance Ride. Why do they do it? To raise funds for 970 Special Olympics athletes to compete in the State Winter Games.

Now in its 19th year, the Wertz Warriors Snowmobile Endurance Ride begins in Mt. Clemens on January 30 and ends in Mackinaw City on February 5, with stops at Moose lodges, VFW halls, church halls, and restaurants across northern Michigan. The Warriors will make overnight stops in Tawas, Houghton Lake, Grayling, Traverse City, Lewiston, and Gaylord.

A special stop on the Ride will be the State Winter Games on Wednesday, February 2, at Grand

Traverse Resort & Spa near Traverse City. The Warriors arrive around 3 p.m. to give rides to the athletes and then participate in the Opening Ceremonies at 6:30 p.m. At this stop, the Warriors also present a check to Special Olympics Michigan.

The State Winter Games run from February 1-4 and offer competition in downhill skiing, cross country, snowshoe, figure skating, and speed skating.

The Wertz Warriors were founded in 1982 by former Detroit Tiger Vic Wertz, whose dream was to underwrite the Special Olympics Michigan State Winter Games. Wertz passed away in 1983, but the Warriors carried on the Ride in his name. Mark "The Bird" Fidrych, a former Detroit Tigers pitcher, has stepped in for the last seven years to attend and serve as the honorary chairman.

Seventy-two riders and over 30



Wertz Warriors

support crew members will make the Ride this year. In addition to fund-raising, which occurs during the Ride, each Warrior holds other fund-raisers throughout the year and must raise a minimum of \$3,000 just to participate.

Individuals who wish to help the Wertz Warriors achieve their fund-raising goal this year can send a contribution to: P.O. Box 1132, Mt. Clemens, MI 48046. Checks should be made payable to Special Olympics Michigan. For more information, call (810) 954-9770.

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Winter Tour to help Special Olympics

► Spicer's annual snowmobile ride to raise funds for MI Special Olympics

Registration is currently underway for Spicer's Winter Tour 2000, a snowmobile ride to raise funds for the Michigan Special Olympics. The ride, hosted by Spicer's Boat City of Houghton Lake, will take place on January 28.

For the fifth year in a row, snowmobile enthusiasts from around the state and beyond will gather in support of Michigan Special Olympics. Winter Tour '99 had over 230 riders, plus volunteers, and raised \$27,234. In the four-year history of the Winter Tour (1996-99), the event has raised in excess of \$71,000.

The monies raised are used in

conjunction with funds generated by the Wertz Warriors to pay for the Winter Games, which will be held in February.

The event is paid for by Spicer's Boat City, Michigan's largest snowmobile dealer, with help from contributing partners, so 100 percent of the public's donations go to the Michigan Special Olympics. Each year the event has grown in popularity.

Winter Tour begins with an optional welcoming reception on Thursday, January 27, at the Holiday on the Lake Resort in Houghton Lake. The ride departs from Spicer's Boat City at 9 a.m. on Friday, January 28, for a tour of approximately 90 miles. A hot trail-side lunch is served at Camp Winter Tour and the ride concludes with a dinner banquet and awards reception. All participants receive a commemorative hat.

"This is a fun-filled event suitable

for the whole family and proceeds help bring some fun into the lives of people who face special challenges every day," said Phillip Spicer, Winter Tour organizer.

Advance registration is required and space is limited to 225 riders, so snowmobilers are encouraged to call and reserve their space early. Participants are asked to make a donation of at least \$75 per person.

Contributors, who will be recognized during Winter Tour 2000, are also being sought to make donations in the following amounts: \$150 Silver Sponsor, \$250 Gold Sponsor, \$750 Platinum Sponsor.

A 10-foot covered R & R trailer will be raffled as part of the event. Tickets are \$10 each and limited to 500 sold.

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HEALTHLINE

by Linda De Marchis, M.A.
Health Educator

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SMOKING CAUSES HEART ATTACKS

QUESTION: I know smoking causes many deaths. What exactly is in the smoke that causes people to die?

SIGNED: Worried.

ANSWER: Each year 350,000 premature deaths are caused by smoking. Up to age 65, people who smoke a pack a day or more, die at almost twice the rate of non-smokers the same age.

Three main constituents found in tobacco smoke cause most of the

premature deaths among smokers. Carbon monoxide is one of the most dangerous gases found in cigarette smoke. Once inhaled, it moves into the blood stream.

Because carbon monoxide clings to red blood cells more easily than oxygen, the blood loses much of its ability to transport oxygen, affecting proper functioning of the lungs and heart, breathing, vision, hearing and judgement.

Another deadly component of smoke is tar. Tar is composed of tiny particles that form a sticky, resin-like substance in the lungs. Tar results in two serious problems... it impairs the function of the respiratory system, and its carcinogenic properties cause cancer in tissues it contacts.

The third deadly substance in cigarette smoke is nicotine. Highly addictive, it is the main reason smokers are unable to quit. In addition,

nicotine is a powerful central nervous system stimulant. It affects blood pressure and heart rate as well as other areas. These three substances are the leading reasons that smokers develop cancer, heart disease and debilitating respiratory problems.

Although most smokers know that their habit causes cancer of many different areas in the body, they tend to underestimate their risk of heart disease.

Actually, smoking is a major risk factor in heart attacks, causing more deaths than from cancer and pulmonary disease. Smoking damages the lining of coronary arteries, which encourages the formation of plaque. It raises total cholesterol and lowers HDL or good cholesterol.

If this isn't enough, it increases the stickiness of platelets making a clot more likely, and makes the heart beat faster. This means the heart

needs more oxygen but the oxygen is no longer there since carbon monoxide has reduced the amount of oxygen the blood can carry. Smoking raises blood pressure and may also constrict coronary arteries making them unable to supply the heart with oxygen when physical activity increases.

When all these factors are taken together, the conditions are perfect for a heart attack to occur. Smokers are twice as likely to suffer a heart attack, and more sobering, are four times as likely to die from it within an hour. Each year 200,000 smokers die from heart attacks, more than from cancer and respiratory problems.

February is "heart month." If you are a smoker, quit now to protect your heart. Cardiac benefits start to add up immediately and within two years much of your risk will have disappeared.

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SHOVELING SNOW

QUESTION: My dad has coronary heart disease and still wants to shovel snow. What can I tell him?

SIGNED: Worried daughter

ANSWER: Perhaps these recommendations from the American Heart Association will convince him otherwise.

The American Heart Association

recommends that people with heart disease or who are at high risk of developing heart disease should avoid sudden exertion in cold weather such as shoveling. Even walking through wet snow or snow drifts can place an added strain on the heart.

If snow must be shoveled, it should be done by someone who is physically fit, used to exercise, and warmly dressed. Women should not assume that they are immune to heart attacks and therefore it is safer for them to shovel snow than it is for men. After menopause, women's risk of heart attack becomes comparable to men's.

People with heart disease or a high risk of heart disease should ask their physician as to how much physical exertion they can undertake and follow the advice.

Some researchers have found that the stress of cold temperatures can cause constriction of the arteries in the heart, increase blood pressure, alter clotting and increase blood viscosity or resistance to flow. These

factors can lead to chest pain, heart attack and stroke.

If you must shovel or be out in the cold, remember these warning signs of heart attack:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest lasting more than a few minutes.
- Pain spreading to the shoulders, neck or arms.
- Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

People with high blood pressure have an increased risk of stroke. The brain attack warning signs are:

- Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body.
- Sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye.
- Loss of speech, or trouble talking or understanding speech.
- Sudden severe headaches with no known or apparent cause. Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls, especially with any of the previous symptoms.

Social Security retirement age increases this year for some

The Social Security retirement age is going up and the effects will be felt for the first time this year.

Most people do not know changes were made 16 years ago in the Social Security Amendments of 1983. The retirement age for those born in 1938 or later was raised in gradual steps from age 65 to 67.

The change was part of a package of changes made by a bipartisan Congressional committee to curtail program expenses. People are living

longer and are drawing Social Security benefits longer, creating unanticipated costs for the Social Security system.

If you were born before 1938, you will still be eligible for your full Social Security retirement benefit at the age of 65 and reduced benefits as early as age 62.

However, those born in 1938 who retire "early" this year will find their benefit reduced from 20 percent to 20.8 percent.

Beginning in 2003, full retirement age for those born in 1938 or later will increase. For example, the full retirement age for those born in 1938 will increase to 65 years and two months.

There are disadvantages and advantages to taking your benefit before your full retirement age, so contact Social Security before you decide to retire.



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Grayling's Entertainment & Beyond presents live music

Local band 'MP5' rocks the house



Photo by Caleb Casey

Last Friday, local rock group 'MP5' took to the stage at Entertainment & Beyond, performing about an hour of live music, most of which was original material. The band, which formed about four months ago, consists of: (left to right) vocalist Jimmy Rankin, bassist Mitch Kersey, drummer Matt Albright, vocalist Nate Beckwith, and guitarist T.J. Rankin. Entertainment & Beyond, located on Ottawa Street in Grayling, will be hosting a lock-in/battle of the bands event this Friday (January 21). All participants, once in at 9 p.m. Friday night, will have to stay at E&B (unless over age 18). Cost is \$5 for all night. On Saturday, January 29, MP5 will return to E&B, kicking off a three-band bill at 6 p.m. MP5 will be followed by Bedlam, and Halfbreed, a Saginaw-based band formerly known as 'House of Krazees' that toured with Insane Clown Posse. For more info about E&B's lock-in/battle of the bands or other events contact E&B at 344-8131.

GHS skiers race at Crystal Mt.

► Boys team takes second of three teams, flu sidelines part of girls team

Manistee, Benzie Central and Grayling skied at Crystal Mountain on Wednesday, January 12, after Monday's meet was canceled due to weather.

The Crystal Mountain teams showed that home hills can be an advantage as the girls team finished Manistee 1st, Benzie 2nd, and Grayling 3rd. The boys teams finished Manistee 1st, Grayling 2nd, and Benzie 3rd.

The Viking girls team, bitten by the flu bug, could only ski two girls in the race, so two disqualification finishes were recorded. Team scores were Manistee 37, Benzie Central 38, and Grayling 87.

Top GHS skiers were Kelly Jansen, who finished 8th in both events, and freshman Andria Alvarez. Alvarez finished 9th in giant slalom (GS) and 10th in slalom.

In the boys competition, host Manistee was the victor, scoring

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GHS V-ball team beats Bay City

► Varsity net squad wins series 2-0 over BCJG Bobcats

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity volleyball team defeated the Bobcats of Bay City John Glenn in Grayling last Wednesday, winning the two-of-three conference series by scores of 15-6 and 15-4.

In game one, Grayling jumped out to an early lead. GHS opened with two points on Kristy Hulbert's serve, including one on a solid block by Jenny Phillips up front.

Grayling's next serving chance resulted in three points, one on an ace by server Arica Wolcott. GHS led 5-0.

On two separate possessions, Bay City scored five points to tie the game at 5-5.

Grayling then scored six straight points on Brandy Ritter's serve, including scores on a block by Paxton, a well-placed tap by Ritter, and an ace. Good play up front by Phillips, Paxton, and Mika Sumner helped hold off the BCJG attack, allowing GHS to set up and score points.

Bay City scored one more point, and then Grayling sealed it with four consecutive points on Paxton's serve. Grayling won the first game by a final score of 15-6.

In the second game, GHS started a little slow but finished strong to win the series 2-0.

Bay City scored the first two points of the second game. GHS scored one, then BCJG scored a third point to lead 3-1.

With Ritter serving, the Vikings scored two points to tie the match, including one on a shot by Paxton at the net. Paxton had a couple hard

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K of C holds annual free throw contest

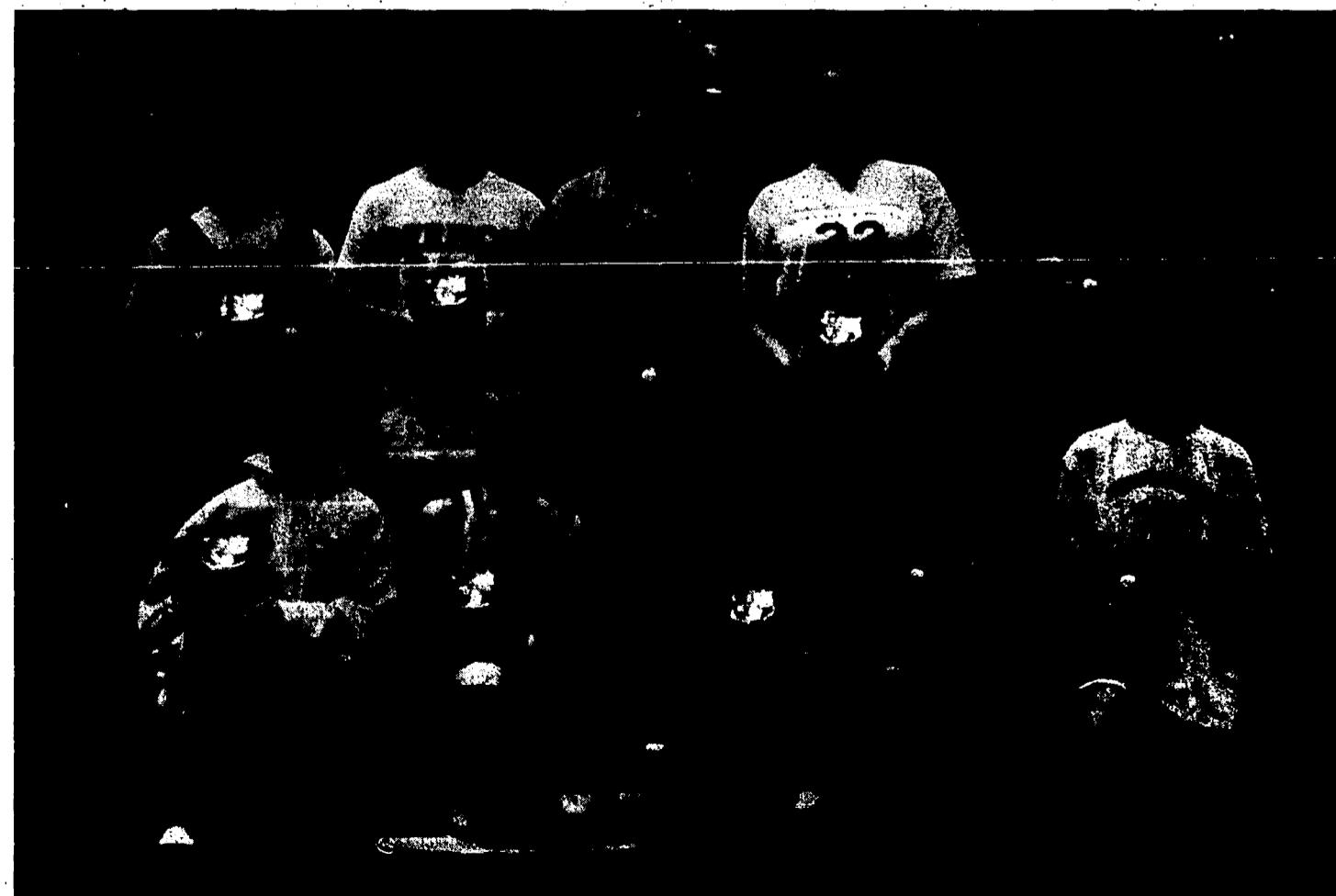


Photo by Caleb Casey

Winners of this year's Knights of Columbus free throw contest: (front, left to right) Michelle McGuire, Rocky McNamara, Jessie Baker, Scott Olson, Eli VanNuck. (back, left to right) Jodi Riddle, Jason Strohpaul, Matt Nederhoed, Laura Gorski, Josh Hinkle.

► Ten Grayling shooters earn way to district competition

This year's Knights of Columbus free throw contest, which featured dozens of local shooters, yielded a total of 10 winners in 12 categories.

The winners will have the chance to compete in the districts contest this weekend at Gaylord.

At the local competition last Saturday, shooters took to the Grayling Middle School floor, vying for an opportunity to move to the next level.

Free throw shooters ages 9-14 were welcome to compete. Boys competed against boys of the same age and girls competed against girls of the same age.

Each shooter was entitled to three warm-ups, then shot 15 from the stripe. Ties were decided by 5-shot "overtime" rounds.

The winners, by division, were: Jessie Baker, girls, age 9; Rocky McNamara, boys, age 9; Scott Olson, boys, age 10; Michelle McGuire, girls, age 11; Eli VanNuck, boys, age 11; Jodi Riddle, girls, age 12; Jason Strohpaul, boys, age 12; Laura

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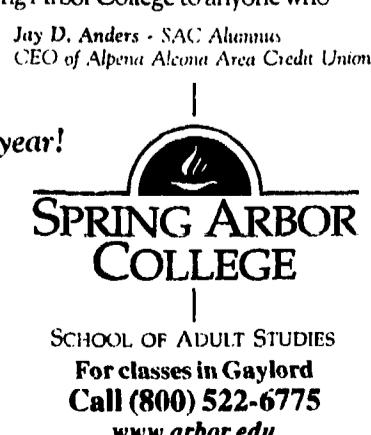
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Wrestling team takes 3rd at Oscoda

► Vikings beat HL at Rosco, take third out of eight teams at Oscoda Invitational

The GHS wrestling team defeated Houghton Lake but lost to Rosecommon on January 13 in a 3-team meet held at Rosecommon.

The Vikings topped HL by a substantial margin, defeating the Bobcats by a score of 63-15.

Earning points for Grayling were: Scott Bearss (103 lbs.), 6 points

(pin); Marianne Vollmer (112), 6 (pin); Andy Palmer (119), 6 (pin); Matt Evon (125), 6 (pin); Josh Niederer (130), 5 (decision); Ben Sartin (145), 6 (pin); Larry Baker (152), 6 (pin); Marc Weaver (160), 6 (pin); Chris Peters (171), 6 (pin); Victor CdeBaca (189), 6 (pin)

Grayling lost to Rosecommon by seven points, 39-32. Several Vikings posted team points: Palmer, 6 (pin); Evon, 6 (pin); Niederer, 6 (pin); Sartin, 3 (decision, 9-7); Weaver, 6 (pin); CdeBaca, 6 (pin).

The hard work during Christmas vacation paid off, as the boys came

back strong and ready to go," said Coach Don Ferguson.

At the Oscoda Invitational on January 15, the Vikings took third place out of eight teams, finishing behind only first place Gaylord and Rosecommon. Overall team scores included: Gaylord 180, Rosco 170, Grayling 125.5, Tawas 115.5, Onaway 104.5, Ogemaw Heights 99.5, Kalkaska 38, Oscoda 37.

The top individual placers for GHS were: Evon (125 lbs.), 1st place; Niederer (130), 1st; Baker (152), 2nd; CdeBaca (189), 2nd; Palmer (119), 3rd; Vollmer (112),

4th; Billy Partello (135), 4th; and Jesse Gildner (140), 4th.

"The wrestlers have all done a good job, with the seniors leading the way," said Coach Ferguson.

Evon and Niederer, both seniors, have posted overall records this year of 20-3 and 17-1, respectively. Baker (14-5), CdeBaca (22-4), and Palmer (20-8) have also posted solid records so far this season.

The wrestling team will compete at West Branch Ogemaw Heights against Oscoda and WBOH on Thursday, January 20. The team will head to Ithaca on January 22.



WRESTLING TEAM -- The GHS 99/00 wrestling team is: (front, left to right) Jesse Gildner, Andy Palmer, Marianne Vollmer, Josh Niederer, Matt Evon, Bill Partello, Chris Peters. (back, left to right) Coach Don Ferguson, Marc Weaver, Jimmy Rankin, Ben Sartin, Alfred Borchers, Victor CdeBaca, Larry Baker, Coach Mike Hopkins. Not pictured: Scott Bearss.

GHS volleyball team beats Bay City

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hits early in the game from the front line to win the ball back for GHS.

Bay City scored the next point to go up 4-3, but John Glenn would not score again in the match.

A kill by Wolcott on Paxton's serve tied it at 4-4, then GHS went up 5-4. Later, on Wolcott's serve, the Vikes scored four more points, including an ace by the server and a nice block by Sumner.

Grayling then scored four more

on Phillips' serving turn to go up 13-4. Phillips chalked up three points on aces in the serving chance.

An ace by Michelle Salyers put the match at game point, and Sarah Targino finished the game with an ace of her own. GHS won 15-4.

The Vikings will host Petoskey and Charlevoix on Monday, January 24. On Wednesday, January 26, GHS will host West Branch Ogemaw Heights. The Vikings will host the Tawas Braves on Wednesday, February 2.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Game #1 Spikes 58 - Holiday Inn 48. Spikes - Krey 26, Juntilia 16, Potter 12; Holiday Inn - Hamlin 13

Game #2 Sawmill 73 - Thermogas 55. Sawmill - Kennedy 24, Kirk 12, Contreras 12, Pumell 10; Thermogas - Williams 19, Church Jr. 16

Game #3 Thermogas 82 - Glens 53. Thermogas - Williams 20, Patterson 15, Kemper 15, Church Jr. 14, Church Sr. 12; Glens - C. Derenzy 11, Grant 11, B. Derenzy 11, Nuwicki 11

Game #4 Lange Vending 94 - Spikes 69. Lange - Donahoe 28, Diponio 21, Longendyke 19, Glens Market, 1, Youngblood 11, Flowers 10; Spikes

Standings Week #8

Sawmill 7 - 0
Lange Vending 6 - 1

Thermogas 5 - 2
Spikes 3 - 4

Margretheville 3 - 4
Holiday Inn 2 - 5

Glens Market, 1 - 6
Charles Plumbing 1 - 6

Standings Week #8

Sawmill 7 - 0
Lange Vending 6 - 1

Thermogas 5 - 2
Spikes 3 - 4

Margretheville 3 - 4
Holiday Inn 2 - 5

Glens Market, 1 - 6
Charles Plumbing 1 - 6

POOL LEAGUE

Pool League:

Women's Standings

Sawmill II 116

Frederic Inn 95

Spikes 106

Plaza 91

Swamp 86

Legion 77

Sawmill I 76

5 Ball Runs: 2 for Annette of Swamp II, Sandy P. of Sawmill II, Corey of Sawmill I, Vickie N. of Frederic Inn, Michelle P. of Frederic Inn.

6 Ball Runs: Tonya A. of Plaza.

Men's Standings

Margretheville I 22 - 14

Frederic Inn 20 - 16

Plaza 17 - 19

Gray Rock 15 - 21

Margretheville II 15 - 21

Sawmill 10 - 8

Legion 9 - 9

Bye 0 - 0

8 Ball on Break: Roger of Margretheville II, Gail of Frederic Inn.

8 Ball Run: Phil of Sawmill, Scott of Frederic Inn.

7 Ball Run: Tom and Scott of Frederic Inn, John of Margretheville I, Kevin of Plaza.

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GHS skiers race at Crystal Mt.

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28. Grayling took second with a 62, and Benzie Central scored 67 for a third place finish.

Once again, the top skier for GHS

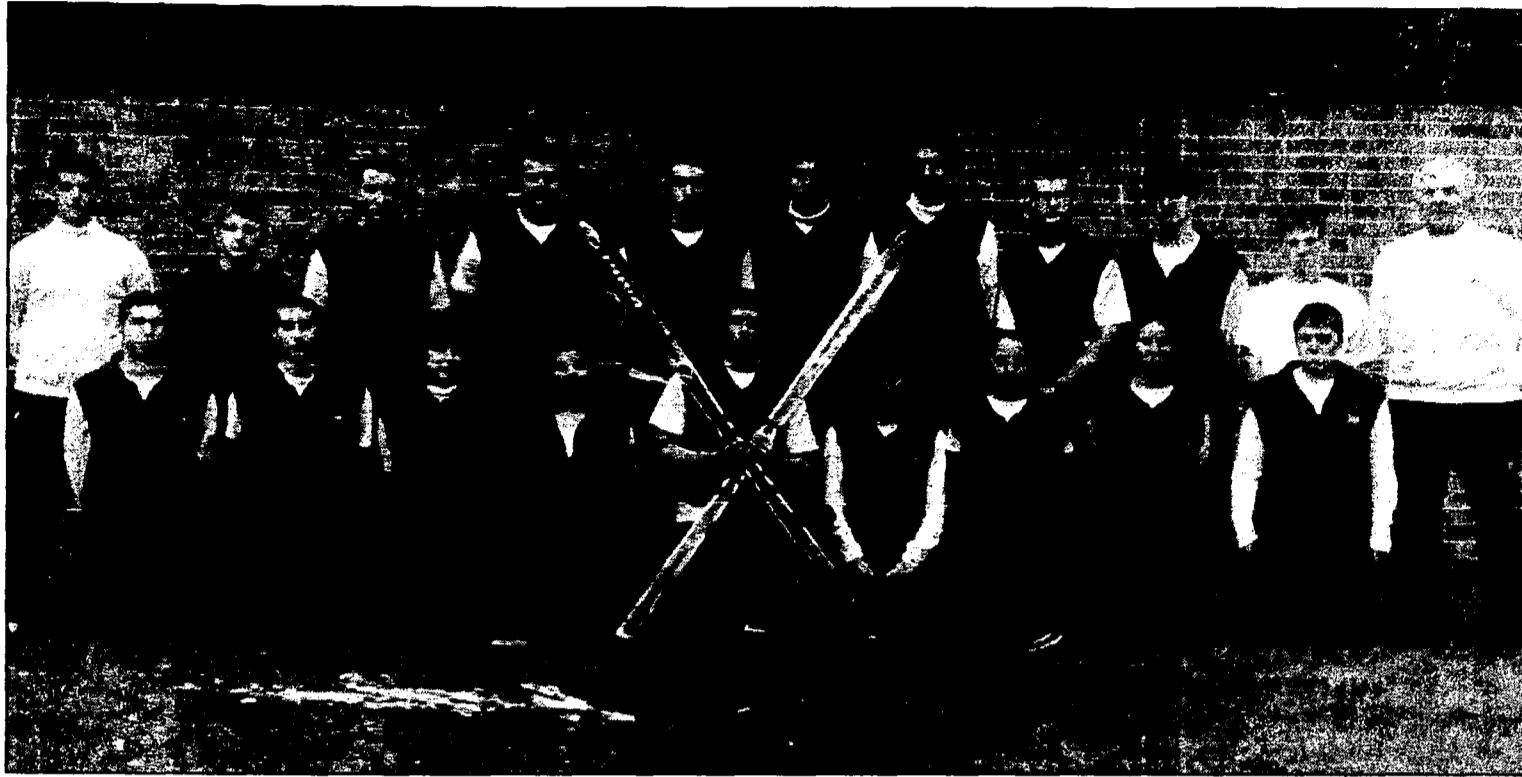
was Matt Ginther, who finished 3rd in both races.

Ray Trudgeon placed 7th in both races. Jason Boreo was 8th in GS and disqualified in slalom. Derek

Quick placed 11th in GS and 13th in slalom. Ben McInally finished 14th in GS, and Keil Clough placed 15th in slalom for GHS.

The Viking ski teams will take on

Bellaire at Schuss Mountain on Wednesday, January 19. On Wednesday, January 26, GHS will race against the Gaylord Blue Devils at Treetops.



SKI TEAM -- Members of this year's GHS ski team: (front, left to right) Paul Jansen, Ray Trudgeon, Andria Alvarez, Sally Jansen, Matt Ginther, Kelly Jansen, Lesley Gilbert, Sarah Golnick, Eric Hart. (back, left to right) Travis LaMotte, Josh Jurkovich, John Herrick, Derek Quick, Jason Boreo, Keil Clough, Matt Thomas, Ben McInally, Damian Fleischmann, Eric Hunter, Coach Mike Wieland. Not pictured: Andy Holzbauer.

7th grade 'white' team still unbeaten

► Two wins over Roscommon Bucks move team to 5-0

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling's 7th grade basketball (white) team recently won its fourth and fifth games of the season, both against the Bucks of Roscommon, improving the squad's season record to 5-0.

On January 5, the Vikings returned to game action following

the holiday break with a match at home against the Bucks. GMS won the contest 39-22.

Tim Umlor was the Grayling high scorer with 10 points. D.J. Metzer scored nine, and Russ Peters hit for eight points. Eight Vikings scored for GMS in the match.

"This was their best team effort of the season," said Coach Phil Trudgeon. "The team executed the trapping defense, causing many turnovers. Russ Peters played outstanding on both ends. Tim Umlor led the team in scoring, getting easy

buckets off steals. D.J. Metzer distributed the ball and controlled the offense, and Josh Millikin and Jeff Phipps rebounded well, giving solid minutes."

The team's next scheduled match versus Kalkaska was canceled, so the team ended up playing Roscommon twice in a row. This time, the Vikings beat Rosco 31-25, at Roscommon.

Metzer was the GMS high scorer with 14 points. Strohpaul added five points, and Chance Nesto scored four.

"Jason Strohpaul set the standard for hustle, playing hard throughout. D.J. Metzer again displayed leadership, leading in scoring and assists. Chance Nesto gave solid minutes, playing his best game of the year," said Coach Trudgeon. "Calvin Trudgeon and Russ Peters stopped Rosco's inside game. Anthony Neal and Brian Borchers executed the offensive plan, setting up the Vikings for easy buckets."

On Thursday, January 20, the Vikings will host Gaylord. GMS will play at Kalkaska on January 24.

GMS 7th graders move to 5-0

► 'Green' team Vikings beat Roscommon twice for wins 4 & 5

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling Middle School's 7th grade basketball team (green) defeated the Roscommon Bucks at home on January 5 and at Rosco on January 12 to improve the squad's season record to 5-0.

The game at home against Kalkaska that would have been in between the two games with Roscommon was canceled due to a snow day.

On January 5, the Vikings beat the

Bucks 34-26 at home. Grayling's fourth straight win of the year.

Gib Tobin led the offensive attack with 15 points. Josh Hinkle and Jess Bobenmoyer each scored seven.

"The boys played real good considering it was the first game back from the Christmas break. Sometimes a team can come out sluggish after a long break, but Grayling was pretty sharp against a good Roscommon team," said Coach Hartman. "The Vikings played tough to get the win."

Tobin was the high scorer with 13 points. Ryan Davis added seven points. Matt Swope and Hinkle each scored five.

The Vikings will host Houghton Lake on Thursday, January 20. The team will play at Kalkaska on January 24, and will host Gaylord on January 26.

In a closer match at Roscommon last week, the Vikings defeated the

Bucks a second time, winning by five points, 35-30.

"With the cancellation of the Kalkaska game, we ended up playing Roscommon two times in a row. Grayling scored the same as before against Roscommon, but the Bucks stepped it up a notch," said Coach Hartman. "The Vikings played tough to get the win."

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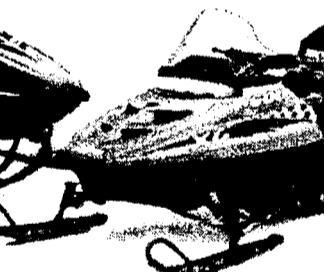
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We would also like to thank all the individuals who donated their time, supplies and money.

Without all of you, this dinner would not be possible.

If we have forgotten anyone it was totally unintentional and we ask that you forgive us and accept our thanks.

K of C holds annual free throw contest

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Gorski, girls, age 13; Josh Hinkle, boys, age 13; Matt Nederhoed, boys, age 14.

(There were no contestants in the 10 and 14-year-old girls divisions.)

Each of the winners will have the opportunity to test their skills

against other local shooters from northern Michigan at the districts competition, which will be held at Gaylord St. Mary's on Saturday, January 22, at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Marilyn Neuberger at (home) 348-5086 or (work) 348-5892 ext. 320.



(Above and left) Participants in the annual Knights of Columbus free throw contest take their turn at the line.

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1999
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Hayes, Wyman, Palmer, Banda, Brown.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 am (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, January 20, 2000, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following quotation for services.

Beaver Removal

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as Beaver Bid. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Ray Swiercz, Chairman
Bob Nelson, Vice-Chairman
Tom Perry, Commissioner
-13-20

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

Notice of last day of registration for the electors of:

Beaver Creek Township
Frederic Township
Grayling Township
Lovells Township
Maple Forest Township
South Branch Township
City of Grayling

All electors are hereby given notice that THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION will be held in all the above Townships and the City in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan on Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

Electors who wish to vote in the Presidential Primary Election must be registered to vote no later than Monday, January 24, 2000. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County Clerk's office or the Township or City Clerk's office.

Notice is hereby given that I will be at my office:

During regular business hours 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday.

January 24, 2000 - Last day for electors to register with the County Clerk.

Electors who wish to register with the Township or City Clerk's office are advised to call ahead for office hours.

Sharon K. Hartman, Beaver Creek Township Clerk - 275-8878
8994 S. Oak Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653
Nancy Birdschatel, Frederic Township Clerk - 348-8778
7564 Kelly (Co. Rd. 612), Frederic, MI 49733
Monica S. Ashton, Grayling Township Clerk - 348-4361
2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738
Cheryl Hopp, Lovells Township Clerk - 348-9215
8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738
Susan Keene, Maple Forest Township Clerk - 348-9801
8802 N. Peterson Rd., Frederic, MI 49733
Laura Smith, South Branch Township Clerk - 275-8232
P.O. Box 606, Roscommon, MI 48653
Kay Ellen King, Grayling City Clerk - 348-2131
103 S. James St., Grayling, MI 49738

The polls of said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

motion carried.

99-145

Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes that the minutes of the special meeting of December 6, 1999 be approved as presented.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

IV. Public Hearing: None.

V. Communications were received and noted.

a. City Council Meetings scheduled for year 2000.

b. City Holidays for year 2000.

c. Week-end call list for year 2000.

d. C.I.A. Meetings scheduled for year 2000.

e. Police report for November 1999, Karl Schreiner reported to Council on the update of the police reports that council receives.

Mr. Schreiner was asked what the Police policy was for high speed chase. Mr. Schreiner will give Council a copy of the policy.

f. Fire Department reports for October and November 1999.

g. Consumer Energy Hearing on December 14, 1999 in Lansing.

h. Amendment to 911 Emergency Telephone System Service Plan. Public Hearing has been set for February 16, 2000 at the Crawford County Court House.

i. Letter regarding Camp Lehman crew. The days have changed for the winter only, they will be here on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays.

j. C.I.A. Minutes of November 15, 1999.

k. Crawford County Road Commission Notice of Public Hearing on December 15, 1999.

l. Camp Grayling Community Council Meeting Minutes.

m. Crawford County Board Minutes.

n. Chamber of Commerce Agenda for December 15, 1999.

o. Letters written from the last meeting.

VI. Old Business.

a. Sidewalk Snow Removal Council reviewed the sidewalk ordinance for the City. Doug Duby spoke to Council about the possibility of snow removal from the sidewalks in the City. The city has 26 miles of sidewalk, he has called other communities that keep snow off the sidewalks to see what they do. Each city has their own system, whatever their needs and priorities are. The city would have to spend money on equipment plus one person could not take care of the whole city working an 8 hour day. It would depend on the amount of snow but would be a never ending job. On funding, Terry McGregor has asked an opinion from the City Attorney but has not heard back at this time.

Mr. Brown stated there were monies appropriated for snow removal in the downtown improvement line item which has been designated as C.I.A. funds.

b. City Manager applications. After much discussion, Council agreed on a Special Council Meeting on Monday, December 20, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. to re-interview Alan Lowe and Joe Wakely.

c. State Police Lease. Terry McGregor updated Council on progress of State Police Lease. There was a meeting with Ed Moilanen from the State Police Lab, Contractor, Acting City Manager and Dave Wyman, addendum to lease will be in the mail from the State of Michigan. There should be a 5 year extension noted on lease. Council would like this put on the Special Meeting for December 20, 1999 for discussion and decision.

VII. New Business.

a. Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance plan. Mark Sisson and Brian Cote spoke to the City Employees this afternoon on the health care plan proposal for the City Employees. Mr. Sisson gave a short review of the information that was discussed at this meeting. The new plan is called a PPO. Option 2, there is no change in the vision and dental part of the plan. Went over the differences between the plan we have now and this new proposed plan. The big difference is the co-pay on prescription drugs. Council asked questions and questions were asked from the audience.

99-146

Moved by Banda, supported by Wyman to accept the proposed PPO, Option 2 plan of Blue Cross/Blue Shield program.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

99-147

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to subscribe to a 10/20 drug card with a reimbursement to the employees of \$8.00 and \$15.00, leaving a cost to the employee of \$2.00 for generic and \$5.00 for brand name.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Local Partnership with MDOT for Interchange on N. Down River Road. Terry McGregor gave a report on the meeting she attended regarding the interchange at N. Down River Road. There is an important meeting scheduled for January 7, 2000 which someone from the Council should attend. Ms. Palmer or Mr. Wyman volunteered to attend this meeting as it does affect TEA 21 funding and the City.

c. Letter of recommendation from the Acting City Manager. No action taken.

VIII. Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Mr. Long spoke to Council on the importance of the TEA 21 funding and that he would be happy to get information to Council regarding this.

b. Mr. Long also spoke to Council regarding the State Police Lease. His concerns as a taxpayer as to the cost of moving the city offices to the fire station and the fire station to a new location. The debt we will incur for re-modeling and moving.

c. Letter of recommendation from the Acting City Manager.

a. Labor negotiations were signed with the changes made as stipulated.

X. Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Wyman would like to see the pledge of allegiance spoken at the beginning of our council meetings. Consensus of the board was to open the meetings with the pledge of allegiance.

b. Mr. Hayes reported to Council Mr. McEvers' concerns regarding the parking lot at the Michelson Memorial Church. He advised him to come to a Council Meeting to discuss his concerns. Ms. McGregor just received today a legal opinion from the city attorney today in which he feels the church is in violation. Will hopefully get this resolved soon.

c. Mr. Banda would like Council to consider acting on a first reading if everyone is comfortable, if not bring the issue back to the next meeting.

d. Ms. Palmer would like to attend the M.M.L. Mayor Seminar, January 13th & 14th, 2000. Council has no objection.

XI. Adjournment.

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that on January 12, 2000, the Grayling Township Board adopted the following amendment to Grayling Township Ordinance 92-2 (Reference: Planning Comm. Case 99-1). The amendment follows and will be known as Grayling Township Ordinance 2000-1.

The following described property is hereby rezoned from Recreational Forest (R-F) to General Commercial (C-1): A parcel of land on part of the NE 1/4 of Section 30, T27N, R3W, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the NE corner of said Section 30; thence S00 deg. 28'00"W, 1022.45'; thence S54 deg. 45'00"W, 904.81' to the Point of Beginning; thence S35 deg. 14'20"E, 634.51'; thence S00 deg. 28'00"W 173.96' along the East line of said Section 30; thence N89 deg. 59'45"W 425.11'; thence N35 deg. 14'20"W 530.37'; thence N54 deg. 45'00"E 448.71' to the point of beginning. Also known as "Parcel B." Property Code: 20-040-44-030-04-020-00 Location: Hartwick Pines Road. Ordinance 2000-1 has an effective date of February 17, 2000.

Zoning Ordinance and map are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours.

Correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

Moved by Brown, supported by Wyman that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 P.M.

Terry McGregor
Acting City Manager.

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory L. Welser to Old Kent Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagor, dated March 25, 1998 and recorded on March 30, 1998, Crawford County Record, Michigan. on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **Forty Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Nine and Eleven Cents (\$40,629.11)** including interest at **9.25% per annum until maturity and 11.25% after maturity.**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan on January 19, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lobby.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan are described as follows:

PARCEL "C": Part of the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as:

Beginning at a point located distant N 01 degrees 17' E, along the West line of said Section 23 a distance of 1649.00 feet, and S 89 degrees 09'37"E, 998.31 feet from the SW corner of said Section 23, thence continuing S89 degrees 09'37"E, 332.78 feet, thence S01 degrees 28'17", 329.96 feet, thence N 89 degrees 09'11"W, 332.50 feet, thence N01 degrees 25'55"E, 329.92 feet to the Point of Beginning. Along with the right of and subject to a 66 feet wide easement for ingress and egress and public utilities over that part of the South 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Centerline of said easement described as Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 23 distant North 01 degrees 17' minutes East along said West line 1649 feet from the SW corner of said Section 23; thence South 89 degrees 09' minutes 37 seconds East, 1331.09 feet to the point of ending. Also a 66 foot easement for ingress and egress and public utilities over the South 66 feet of Lot 9 "Janice Manor" Subdivision (recorded in L-3, P-22B) Crawford Co. Records and the extension of North line of said easement, S89 degrees 03'E, 66 feet; thence S01 degrees 17'W, 155.80 feet; thence N89 degrees 09'37"W, 66 feet to the East line of said "Janice Manor," Subdivision (recorded in L-3, P-22B) Crawford Co. Records and the extension of North line of said easement, S89 degrees 03'E, 66 feet; thence S01 degrees 17'W, 155.80 feet; thence N89 degrees 09'37"W, 66 feet to the East line of said "Janice Manor," Subdivision (recorded in L-3, P-22B) Crawford Co. Records and the extension of North line of said easement, S89 degrees 03'E, 66 feet; thence S01 degrees 17'W, 155.80 feet; thence N89 degrees 09'37"W, 66 feet to the East line of said "Janice Manor," Subdivision (recorded in L-3, P-22B) Crawford Co. Records and the extension of North line of said easement, S89 degrees 03'E, 66 feet; thence S01 degrees 17'W, 155.80 feet

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| Sylvesters | 14 - 6 |
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| Fentons Auto | 6 - 15 |
| High Game: J. Helsel, 237; M. Smith, 234; Lan. Davis, 222. | |
| High Series: Lan. Davis, 649; J. Helsel, 574; M. Smith, 572. | |
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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 30TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1999

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 1:00 P.M.

Members Present: Hayes, Palmer, Wyman, *Banda.

Members Absent: Brown.

Also in Attendance: Terry McGregor, Acting City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. Dennis Palmer, Karl Schreiner, Bob Butzin, Michele Butzin, Kathy Bourrie, Russell Stevens, Bill Coy.

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Terry McGregor
Acting City Manager

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Page 73 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Bankers Trust Company of California N.A. as Custodian or Trustee, Assignee, by an assignment dated, which was recorded on December 9, 1999 in Liber 497, on Page 365, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-ONE AND 85/100 dollars (\$114,891.85) including interest at 11 1/2% per annum.

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| Mark 8 | 6 - 6 |
| Gray Rock Café | 4 - 8 |
| Peterson Saw Service | 4 - 8 |
| Cornell | 1 - 11 |
| High Game: V. Balnes, 188; D. Armstrong, 183; K. Moshier, 180. | |
| High Series: V. Balnes, 541; K. Moshier, 506; S. Morse, 484. | |

Senior Citizen League

Tees 'N Such 'R' Us, 49 - 19

Sylvester's Sports, 43 - 25

Friends & Co, 38.5 - 29.5

Baynham Wood Prod, 38 - 30

Tri★County Meats, 32 - 36

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Men's High Game: L. Essiambre, 207; D. Germain, 205; K. Louchart, 183.

Men's High Series: K. Harris, 546; A. Smith, 510; D. Germain, 508.

Women's High Game: V. Westover, 221; M. Ryss, 188; J. Kellogg, 173.

Women's High Series: V. Westover, 560; M. Ryss, 466; D. Hall, 449.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Moshier Auto Repair, 8 - 4

Fick & Sons, 8 - 4

Sledheads of Frederic, 7 - 5

Aunt Bettys, 6 - 6

R. Calkins & Sons, 5 - 7

Shady Acres Party Store, 7 - 5

Pro Tree, 5 - 7

Red Barn, 3 - 9

Darrell's Roofing, 2 - 10

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Northwood

American Legion, 9 - 3

Rochettes, 8 - 4

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High Game Women: B. Lozon, 195.

S. Sumner, 183; K. Trudeau, 175.

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HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of January 23-29

Aries March 21-April 20

You may not have the best ideas when it comes to redecorating your home. Admit it! Look to the experts for help. Relying on your aunt or another close relative just won't do the trick. Be considerate of your coworkers this week.

Taurus April 21-May 21

Friends you make in the next few weeks could be helpful in the long run. But don't neglect old friends for new ones. Surprise your partner with a night on the town. It may just be dinner out, or you could try dinner and a movie.

Gemini May 22-June 21

You may want to consider working on an idea that has been building in the back of your mind. Don't jump the gun; just start the ball rolling. Your indecisiveness could slow down a project at work. Try to get your thoughts together.

Cancer June 22-July 22

Your behavior hasn't been too impressive recently. It's starting to affect coworkers, friends and family. The best thing you could do is take a break. Talk to your partner about getting away for a few days. It will do you some good.

Leo July 23-August 23

Bogged down in your old routine? If a younger coworker makes some suggestions this week, you might want to heed them. They could be the ideas you need to help you get things done more efficiently at work and home.

Virgo August 24-September 22

A new financial opportunity may present itself to you. Consider it, but don't get pulled into a heated argument over it. Fighting will only tarnish the idea. It's important for you to make some time for an elderly relative this week.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

Libra September 23-October 23

There are some tasks in life that require your undivided attention. Don't put them off any longer. You may have to go to a quiet place for a little while to get them done. Rely on the advice of a Capricorn for a sticky family situation.

Scorpio October 24-November 22

Priority should go to exploring ways to improve your financial situation. This could be a good week to really concentrate on this goal. Acquiring material possessions is easier than usual for you. Don't let a family problem get you down.

Sagittarius November 23-December 21

Look to a Taurus or Pisces for some special times this coming weekend. You never know where the path might take you. Things may work out better if you take the time to talk to a supervisor about a growing problem at work.

Capricorn December 22-January 20

A sensitive family member may distract you. But whatever you do, don't let the situation develop and make you unhappy. This might be a good week to go out for lunch as a team with your coworkers. It could bring new understanding.

Aquarius January 21-February 18

Tempted to argue with a coworker? Don't! This is not the week to get into a heated argument. You may be surprised—if you step back, the situation might just work itself out. A shopping trip may not be a good idea for the weekend.

Pisces February 19-March 20

Two or more minds—either at work or at home—tackling a problem could bring great results. Don't rely on someone who has let you down in the past. Even though he/she might claim to have changed, you need proof to believe it.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

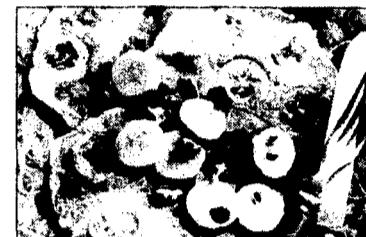
Banana Oat Flapjacks

12 (4-inch) Pancakes

2 large ripe bananas, peeled and sliced
1 tbsp. granulated sugar
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup oats (quick or uncooked)
1 tbsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. salt (optional)
1 cup fat-free milk
1 egg, lightly beaten
2 tbsp. vegetable oil maple flavored syrup banana slices (optional) coarsely chopped pecans (optional)

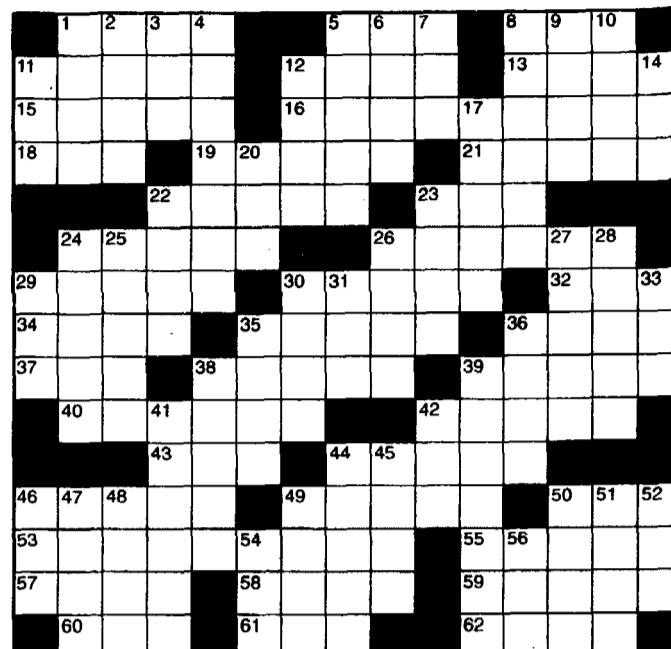
Combine banana slices and sugar in bowl; stir to coat slices with sugar. Set aside. In large

bowl, combine flour, oats, baking powder, cinnamon and salt; mix well. Add combined milk, egg and oil to dry ingredients all at once; mix just until evenly moistened. (Do not overmix) Heat griddle over medium-high heat; lightly grease. For each pancake, pour scant 1/4 cup batter onto hot griddle. Top with 4 or 5 banana slices. Turn pancakes when tops are covered with bubbles and edges look cooked. Serve with syrup and, if desired, additional bananas and nuts.



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ACROSS

- 1. Unimaginative
- 4. Like the milk of an old adage
- 46. Apian horde
- 49. Carnivals
- 50. Feather scarf
- 53. Registers for saving's accounts
- 55. Freight carrier
- 57. Stake
- 58. "Spanish ___" (Her Alpert hit)
- 59. Main artery
- 60. Benzene source
- 61. Want
- 62. Reagan and Moody
- 20. Time without end
- 22. Eight furlongs
- 23. Em or Bee
- 24. Henry Fowler's concern
- 25. Designates
- 26. Pottery kiln
- 27. Clean the slate
- 28. Stock, in cards
- 29. Golf tournament init.
- 30. Crude fellow
- 31. ___ de vie (brandy)
- 33. Breach
- 35. Member of Uncle Remus's family?
- 36. Fedora material
- 38. Hitch a ride
- 39. Sports VIP
- 41. Briefer
- 42. Expose
- 44. Benefits
- 45. Leaning Tower of ___
- 46. Workout spot
- 47. Year for
- 48. The Thin Man dog
- 49. Do not ___ spindie, or mutilate
- 50. Singe
- 51. Fall months: abbr.
- 52. Alias init.
- 54. Two ___ kind (2 wds.)
- 56. Aussie creature

DOWN

- 1. Make a phone call
- 2. Confirm, in a way
- 3. Drink for Andy Capp
- 4. Efficiency apartment's lack
- 5. Poesy
- 6. Electrified particles
- 7. Kind of feeling
- 8. Turns over, in a way
- 9. Locale
- 10. Hair-raising sound?
- 11. Skinny ___ rail (2 wds.)
- 12. Dictator
- 14. Deed
- 17. Tells without telling

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago January 20, 1977

The first snowmobile fatality of the season occurred in Grayling Township. The victim, Marguerite Marsh of Saginaw, came around a corner and lost control of her machine, which hit a tree. She sustained head injuries although she was wearing a helmet. The last snowmobile fatality in the county was in January of 1976.

Roy Papenpus, Crawford County Zoning and Building Inspector received one of the 50,000 invitations to attend the inauguration of Jimmy Carter.

Mrs. Rose Duley was named the new head librarian upon the retirement of Doris Souders. Mrs. Souders had been the librarian for 25 years. Mrs. Mae Niederer was named assistant librarian and bookkeeper. This position opened due to the retirement of Mrs. Grace Wedge who filled the post for 13 years.

New leases have been signed which will allow the ski slopes at Bear Mountain to resume operations. More than 1,000 acres were donated to the state by Rasmus Hanson for a recreation area. The remaining 800 acres not now used for recreation will revert to the State Department of Military Affairs for use as a training ground for the National Guard and other military units.

Petitions were presented to the City Council by the Downtown Merchants Association and by approximately 500 other people of Crawford County to remove the parking meters.

46 Years Ago January 21, 1954

A patent was issued last week from Washington, D.C. to Frederick B. Bear for a composite archery bow. Mr. Bear consigned the patent to the Bear Archery Company of Grayling. The Grayling High Vikings rated

among the top ten Class C basketball teams in the state added two more victories to their string as they toppled Gaylord last Tuesday and Traverse City St. Francis last Friday in away games.

Final preliminary plans for the proposed school expansion were approved at the Board of Education meeting Monday night. It was also decided to set Tuesday, February 16 as the date on which to hold the election.

Although six changes have been suggested in hopes that trout can be given a better chance for survival in Michigan streams, no changes will be forthcoming until 1955. The proposed changes include: ban against gang hooks in trout fish; reduction of creel limits, prohibition of all-night fishing on trout streams; ban against use of more than one rod and line for trout fishing; establishment of minimum size limits of 8-10 inches on three or four additional streams for experimental purposes; banned use of salmon eggs for "chumming."

Carl H. Nielson Sr. is enjoying a couple of weeks vacation from his duties at the Grayling Fish Hatchery. He has been a steady employee there for the past 28 years.

92 Years Ago January 23, 1908

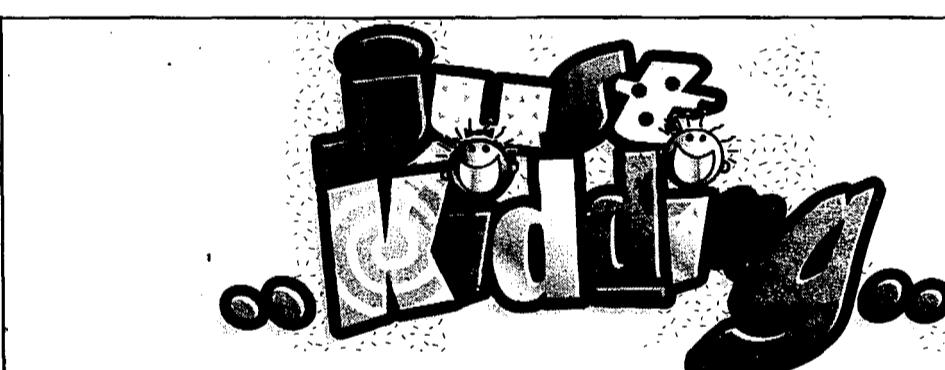
Mrs. A. Scriver, a triplet sister of Mrs. F. O. Pack arrived here from her home in British Columbia visiting relatives and friends.

The planing mill was shut down for lack of orders, and the boys will have some unwelcome holidays.

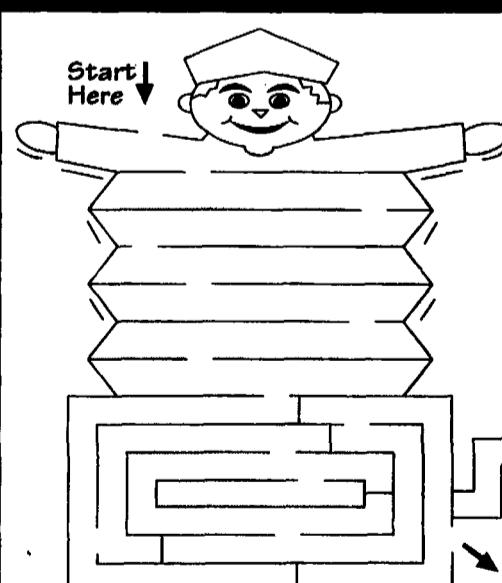
The thaw of the first of the week nearly destroyed the sleighing, however - the weather caught cold Tuesday and enough snow fell to repair the track.

The T.E. Douglas Co. are employing about 50 men at Camp 1 now. The weather has been favorable and with the good ice roads they are banking about 1,200 pieces of timber daily besides what they receive in cars.

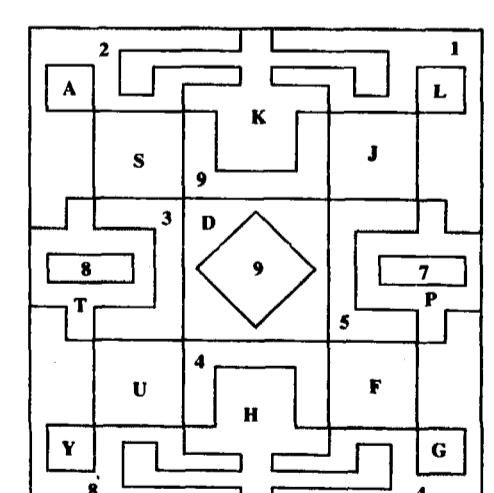
Will Moon of Beaver Creek is laid up with a smashed shoulder and ankle and a jammed shoulder which he received while loading logs in the Upper Peninsula.



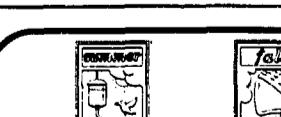
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| Date | H | L | Snow | On Ground |
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| 1/13 | 20 | 10 | 1" | 5" |
| 1/14 | 15 | 9 | 0.25" | 5" |
| 1/15 | 21 | 14 | | 5" |
| 1/16 | 33 | 19 | | 5" |
| 1/17 | 19 | -13 | | 5" |
| 1/18 | 15 | -12 | 5" | 8" |

Extended Forecast courtesy of the Excite Weather Service: Wednesday - chilly with an overcast with high of 26 and a low of 9. Thursday - chilly with an overcast with a high of 20 and a low of 7. Friday - chilly, cloudy with a high of 19 and a low of 9. Saturday - chilly and cloudy with a high of 26 and a low of 19.

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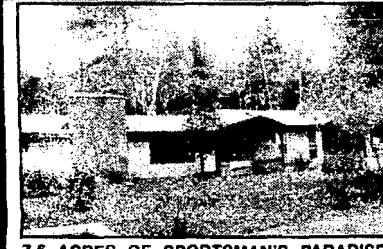
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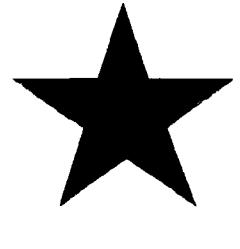
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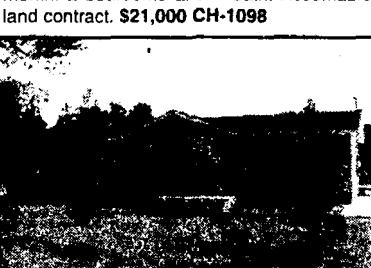
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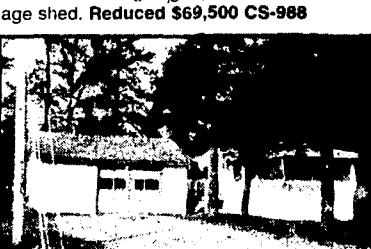
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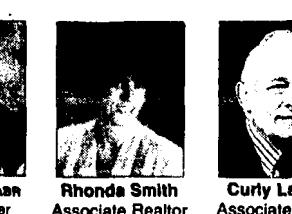
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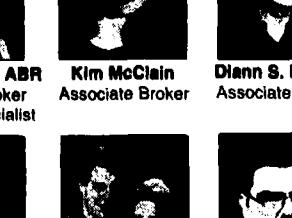
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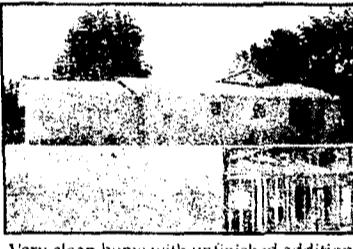
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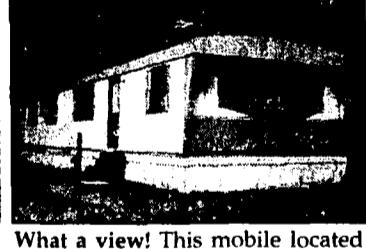
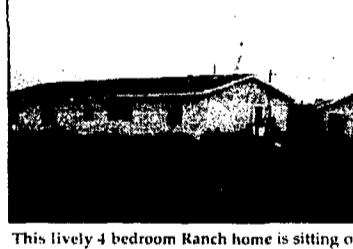
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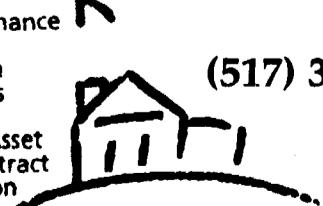
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7. Miscellaneous

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

WANTED ANYTHING RELATED to Bear Archery while they were still here in Grayling. Bows, quivers, catalogs, letterheads, check stubs, etc. Call Pete Kocefas. 517-348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268 (1/6/00tf/7)

8. Announcements

FOUND:

Money was found in a donated item. If you feel this may belong to you, please respond in writing giving pertinent information necessary for proper identification.

St. Francis' Thrift Shop
P.O. Box 643
Grayling, MI 49738

8. Announcements

Answers

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| G A M E | B O A S T F A L A |
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| S W A R M | F A I R S B O A |
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| A N T E | F L E A A O R T A |
| T A R A D S | R O N S |

GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S Speakeasy Saloon Live entertainment Tuesday thru Saturday bands playing Jan. 19-22 Leavin Dodge, Jan. 26-29 Risque, Feb. 2-5 Sweet Talk 2000. Happy Hour in our Speakeasy Saloon 4-6, Mon.-Fri. (-20/27/8)

SKYLINE SKI & Country Club. Prime Rib Special Thursday nights \$8.95. 5:00-8:30. Lounge and restaurant open Thursday thru Monday, noon till midnight. 517-275-5445 (1/20/00tf/8)

THE CAR LOT is always open in the Avalanche classifieds. (517) 348-6811

8. Announcements

HOW DO YOU SPELL Friday? We spell it S P I K E S. Enjoy our Fish Fry for lunch or dinner, but come early. Saturday night is still our Prime Rib Night, serving from 4-10 p.m. (-13-20-27-3/8)

9. Personal Ads

Lordy, Lordy Look
Who's Over 40!!

Happy 41st Birthday
Conrad on January 21st.



From the 42's and Crashed

9. Personal Ads

Guess who will be 60
on January 21st!



First Clue: Larry
Second Clue: Davis

Happy
Birthday!

10. Garage Sales

MOVING OUT SALE 517-348-

4130 (-20/10)



11. Automotive

1989 FORD TAURUS GL Four

door, air, cruise, tilt, cassette, PWR driver's seat, PWR windows. \$995 or best offer. 517-348-4849 (-6-13-20/11)

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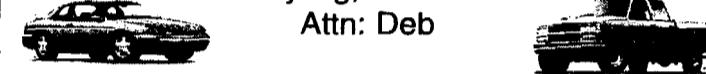
BANKRUPT, SLOW PAY, COLLECTIONS, CHARGE OFFS? SCHEER MOTORS NOW HAS A SPECIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO HELP OUR CREDIT CHALLENGED CUSTOMERS. Call or stop by today and ask Deb for a confidential credit interview. (800) 968-8848 or (517) 348-5451. -13-tf/11

11. Automotive

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Please fill out and mail or fax the following loan application to:

SCHEER MOTORS, INC.
(800) 968-8848 or (517) 348-5451
P.O. Box 568
Grayling, MI 49738
Attn: Deb



Fax (517) 344-7403

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone # _____
DOB _____ Social Security # _____
EMP _____ Phone # _____
Time on Job _____ Monthly Income _____
Signature _____
I authorize dealer and/or creditor to investigate my credit and employment history, obtain credit reports and release information about their credit experience with me.

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** Last Paystub

** Name, Address and Phone # of 6 References.
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| \$6.10 | \$6.10 | \$6.10 | \$6.10 | \$6.10 | \$6.10 |
| \$6.80 | \$6.80 | \$6.80 | \$6.80 | \$6.80 | \$6.80 |
| \$7.50 | \$7.50 | \$7.50 | \$7.50 | \$7.50 | \$7.50 |
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